



Doris Marie Thompson
January 20, 1937—March 18, 2010

Doris Marie Woods was born to loving and proud parents, D.D. and Viola Woods on January 20, 1937 in Shawnee, OK. She went to be with her Lord and Savior on March 18, 2010 in San Antonio, Tx.

Doris graduated from Harlingen High School. After earning her degree in education, Doris taught school for 27 years in Harlingen and San Antonio. Her goal was to take children who were behind in their grade level and bring them not only to their appropriate grade level, but beyond. She accomplished this through innovative ideas to make learning fun.

Doris met the love of her life, John Ralph Thompson in Harlingen where he was serving in the U.S. Air Force. They married and with the love God intended for all parents to use, reared the light of their lives, J'Anna Marie. J'Anna loved and adored both her mom and dad. She and Doris were especially close and did so much together.

Tragically, at the young age of 26, J'Anna was murdered at her place of work, Magic 105 in San Antonio. J'Anna's untimely death left behind not only parents and friends but two precious children, John Michael and Nicholas Dawl Tebbs. They were 6 and 3 years old respectively. Doris and Ralph spent as much time with the boys as possible and had a powerfully positive influence on them. They have proven to be extraordinary young men with families, careers and personalities of which any grandparent would be proud.

Doris put her grief to work helping others when she joined the San Antonio Chapter of Parents of Murdered Children in late 1989 after the trial and conviction was completed. In November, 1991 the POMC phone line was set up in their home. Doris's voice was the compassionate introduction many San Antonio Families had to POMC. She spent countless hours on the phone comforting, informing and encouraging victims' broken hearted family members. Victims, survivors, local and state victims advocates called on her for advice and help. The National Office of Parents of Murdered Children has constantly shown its support and concern for Doris all these years until the time of her death.

Ralph embraced POMC and all other victims' service organization including the San Antonio Chapter of MADD and People Against Violent Crime. Always wanting to do more, Doris started working with Raven Kazen Hauge with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in 1989 before there really was a victim service division in TDCJ. She was a constant source of information, suggestions and encouragement to Raven in establishing an official Victim Services department in TDCJ. Doris never said the word "no" to local and state victim services programs and certainly not to the many victims who looked to her for guidance throughout the years.

Doris and POMC of San Antonio were a constant inspiration to Raven and her staff as they labored to build a statewide program for victims. Doris was always involved in victim outreach efforts and conferences sponsored by the Governors' Office, Office of the Attorney General and the TDCJ Victim Services Office.

Doris made First Church of the Nazarene her home, pastured by Rev. Matt Rice. The church members and Pastor Rice helped Doris in her greatest times of need through genuine Christian love turned into action.

Doris was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, sisters and her only child J'Anna Marie Tebbs and her loving husband, Ralph. She is survived by her grandsons, John and Nick Tebbs, 2 great-grandsons and 1 great-granddaughter, all of San Antonio and 1 sister of Harlingen.

Her friends and family wish to thank Alamo Hospice and the angels God sent. Shawna Bale, Jade Kato, Amy Cooley, Roseanne Contreras, Toni Vasquez and Chaplin Harry Miller. Appreciation goes to Woodbridge Estates Assisted Living Center where Doris and Raven lived, cried and laughed for over 2 months. A thanks also goes to Regent Care Center where Doris met her favorite, Bearl Garry. Shaun Manning was always there with a smile and a helping hand. Maureen Leach, Order of St. Francis, came weekly to give Doris a massage with a feather touch. Also appreciation to the many friends and the family who visited or sent cards and prayers throughout the last 5 months.