

## **Ann Abbitt**

Services for Ann Abbitt of Salado, Texas, were held December 27, 1996 at the First Baptist Church of Salado. Burial was in the Salado Cemetery.

Mrs. Abbitt, 73, died December 24 at her residence after an extended illness.

She was born in San Antonio to John Madison and Pearl Bauerfeind Charles. She married USAF Colonel (retired) Charles Abbitt at Randolph Field on December 26, 1943. She graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School and the Daughan Business College, both in San Antonio. In addition to her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Caroline Sauer of Austin, a son Charles Abbitt II of Garland, two grandchildren and a sister, Caroline Long of Austin. She was preceded in death by a brother, US Navy Commander John Charles.

Ann was a very active mother, wife and prominent leader in the military community in Florida, and, later in Houston, where her husband served with NASA at the Johnson Space Center as the engineering design manager of the Mission Control Center. In addition to numerous accomplishments relating to social work at military bases and the Space Center community, she wrote a weekly column for the Orlando Sentinel entitled, "Beachcombing with Ann."

She was a member of the Salado Chamber of Commerce Auxiliary, the Salado Humane Society and the Indiatlantic First Baptist Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.