

MERTIE MAYE FLOWERS TALLANT

1909 - 2009

McALLEN - Mertie Maye Flowers Tallant, 99, a retired teacher died on Sunday May 3, 2009 in McAllen.

Mertie was born outside of Chico in 1909 to Columbus Flowers and Mary Elizabeth (Lizzie) Flowers. She was married to Joseph Samuel Tallant in 1942.

Mertie was a member of First Baptist Church in McAllen, Edinburg and Chico, and known in the Valley as a great teacher of Edinburg High School. She taught math and typing for over thirty years,

Before she moved to the valley, she had graduated from Chico High School. After graduation she taught school at the age of 21 in Temple, Texas.

Upon her arrival to the Valley, she began to teach at Edinburg High School in 1949,

Many of her students went on to become teachers, principals, and even accountants.

She continued to advance her professional teaching skills. Eventually, she received a Lifetime Teaching Certificate in 1955.

Her life was teaching up until her death. She taught many people about everything from education to knowing what life was about. She was a continual giver to charitable organizations and was a strong believer in her faith and God.

Mertie was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Samuel; siblings, Columbus Bea, Elizabeth Thomas, Lucile Herni, Orburn K.; and her loving dog, Tina Marie Tallant.

She is survived by some great nephews and great nieces and many, many friends who became her family.

Graveside Services were held at 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 10, 2009 at Chico Cemetery

Donations are requested to be given to Palm Valley Animal Center, 2501 W. Trenton, Edinburg, Texas 78539

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