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Beatrice Lilian Proctor, 90, died Wednesday, March 2, 2016, in Bowie. Funeral is 2 p.m. Sunday, March 6, at the First Baptist Church of Sunset with burial to follow at Sunset Cemetery. Visitation is 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at White Family Funeral Home in Bowie.

Beatrice, “Our English Rose,” was born April 5, 1925, in Chelveston, England, to Doris Mae and George Arthur Tilley. She was a gracious and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, friend, poet and author. Beatrice was an angel to all who knew her and would win your heart if you knew her for a day or a lifetime. She touched countless lives as an active member and Sunday school teacher at Sunset Baptist Church for 65 years.

Beatrice married Homer Wilson Proctor Sept. 16, 1944, in Higham Ferrers, England. As a World War II bride, she rode the Queen Mary in 1946 to join her husband in Sunset to continue their timeless love story. She wrote several books to chronicle her transformation from English girl to Texas matriarch. Beatrice considered her four children her greatest joy and blessing and showered them with never-ending love, support and guidance. After her many years as an accomplished mother and homemaker, she enjoyed working at Griffin’s Drug Store, volunteering as a “Pink Lady” for Memorial Hospital and for Hospice Thrift Store as a cashier. She enjoyed her last days talking and playing cards at the Independence Hall.

Beatrice was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Homer Proctor in 1999; and sister Hazel. She is survived by her children, Roy Proctor and wife, Linda, of Bowie, Donnie Proctor of Sunset, Jeanie Stark and husband, Ralph, of Bowie and Mary Anne Holmes and husband, Judson, of Bloomington, Ind.; sister Gill Papworth of England; brother Ronald Tilley of Florida; grandchildren Sheila, Randy, Rowdy, Amber, Mari, Dylan, Chelsea, Hannah, Hayden and Houston; 18 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.