

## Emily Catherine Herms Taylor



TEN SLEEP – Emily Catherine Herms Taylor, 87, died on Saturday, May 19, 2012 in Bridgeport, Texas, a small town northwest of the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

She was born on Nov. 30, 1924 in Sherman Heights, San Diego, Calif. to Charlie Adolf Herms and Alice Corinne Zumwalt, the third of four children. Emily adored her three siblings, Margaret, Charles (Chuck) and Bruce. In 1927, her parents bought a house in Normal Heights in San Diego but moved in 1936 to San Ysidro, Calif. where the family had a few acres and fondly called it The Ranch. It had a large ranch-style home where many holiday meals were prepared by Emily's mother, or Grammy to her grandchildren. Emily's father, Charlie, had a beautiful garden surrounding the house with lots of Birds of Paradise plants, a lemon tree and a chicken coop.

Emily loved music. She enjoyed singing and had a lovely voice. As a child, she taught herself how to play the piano and was the center of social gatherings and family sing-alongs. She also enjoyed art and drawing.

Emily had many friends and was considered to be a big sister to them in the South Bay area of San Diego. She graduated in 1943 from Sweetwater Union High School in National City, Calif. When World War II broke out, she volunteered as an aircraft spotter to look out for possible invading enemy aircraft along the border of the United States. She worked at Rohr Aircraft and at Nuttall-Styris, Co., a ship chandlery during World War II. After the war, she worked at Exclusive Cleaners.

She met Tye Taylor, a handsome man in the U.S. Navy, and later married him in Yuma, Ariz. on Nov. 5, 1950. Emily and her husband adopted two children, Mark and Margaret Ann (Penny). They loved being parents and especially enjoyed their grandchildren in their later years.

Emily joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and was baptized on Sept. 16, 1962 along with her husband while Tye was stationed in Kodiak, Alaska with the Navy. She was later sealed to her spouse in the Mesa Arizona Temple on April 28, 1964. Her husband, Tye, served in the U.S. Navy for 20 years, and this allowed Emily to see many places around the world. The Taylors lived in California, Alaska, New Mexico, Japan, New Jersey, Florida and lastly in Texas. Emily's ancestor, Andrew Kent, died while serving at the Alamo and both of her parents were born in Texas, so moving back to Texas to be near her son and family in Houston seemed the logical thing to do. They first lived in Georgetown where Emily had family nearby in the surrounding area.

Emily loved cooking, setting a fancy table with wonderful dishes, and beautiful flowers. She always dressed nicely and was a very beautiful lady. She served in many callings in

the church in Primary and Relief Society. When her health failed, she made phone calls and wrote letters to others to lift and inspire them. Her cards and letters to her family and grandchildren will be greatly missed by all.

Emily enjoyed being with her family in Georgetown, but when her health began to decline they moved farther north to Bridgeport to get better care and love from her sister-in-law, Marie Riley. Marie gave unconditional love to Emily until her passing.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charlie and Corrine Herms; her sister, Margaret (Myrle) Gipson; her brother, Chuck (Marj) Herms; her son, Mark Taylor; and her husband, Tye Taylor.

Emily is survived by her daughter, Penny Rhone and children of New York; her brother, Bruce (Mary) Herms of California; her sister-in-law, Marie (Jimmy) Riley of Runaway Bay, Texas; and her daughter-in-law, Lorraine Mills Taylor and her grandsons, Troy and Zane Taylor all of Ten Sleep. She also has family throughout Texas, California and Florida.

A graveside service has been scheduled for Thursday, June 14 at 8 p.m. where Emily will be buried near her son and husband in the Ten Sleep Cemetery.

The Jones Funeral Home took care of the cremation in Bridgeport.

Bryant Funeral Home is helping the family with the arrangements.