



Rita Nickles

June 20, 1935 - December 27, 2009

HURST -- Rita Patricia Nickles, 74, passed away Sunday, Dec. 27, 2009. Memorial service: 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4, in Lucas Funeral Home Chapel, 1321 Precint Line Road, Hurst, the Rev. Jim Rigsby officiating. Interment: 3 p.m. in Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. Memorials: In lieu of flowers, Rita's memory may be honored with a gift to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, a charity dear to her heart. www.stjude.org. Rita was born June 20, 1935, in the Republic of Mauritius. She spent her childhood in Rhodesia and later moved to England. Working for American Airlines brought her to the U.S., first Boston, Mass., then Fort Worth, where she married Ray Nickles. In 1990, she opened A&N Travel Service. After her husband's retirement from American Airlines, he joined her in the office where they worked together. This gave her much pride to have him by her side. Over the years many customers became dear friends and she cherished those relationships. Rita had a passion for life. She enjoyed cooking, gardening and watching football. She loved traveling and visiting her family overseas. Her greatest joy was found spending time with her husband and children. Her faith was very important to her for she knew the Lord had blessed her with a wonderful life. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ray Nickles; son, Eugene Hayden; mother, Jane Canary; father, Martin Canary; sister, Shirley Trelc; and brother, Johnny Doras. Survivors: Daughter, Natasha Garvin and husband, Mack; brother, Greg Doras and his family; brother, Juv Doras and his family; extended family in Texas, England, Ireland, South

Africa, Zambia, and Zimbabwe; and a host of neighborhood friends.