ARLENE PRICE



Arlene Julia (Dooley) Price, 90, passed away February 10, 2013 in El Paso, Texas. One of twelve children of Jeremiah and Loretta (Powers) Dooley, Arlene and her twin sister Irene were born on March 18, 1922, in Oelrichs, South Dakota. Arlene's father was a farmer, and she and her siblings attended country schools. She and her twin and older brother Richard graduated from Chadron (NE) High School in the Class of 1939. Not caring for careers in teaching or nursing, Arlene did not join her sisters in those pursuits but opted for retail, living and working in both Chadron and Alliance. After World War II, she married James Ivan Price, Jr. of Crawford, NE. His military career took them across the United States and to Alaska; Arlene enjoyed her role as an Army wife, volunteering at the Fort Bliss Thrift Shop and William Beaumont Army Medical Center as well as the Fort Richardson (AK) Thrift Shop. She also was active in PTA and as Cub Scout Den Mother and Girl Scout leader. When Jim retired from the Army, Arlene enjoyed traveling to visit family and friends across the nation and especially enjoyed cruising through the Panama Canal. But retirement as an Army wife opened the door to long-time employment in the shoe department at the Popular in Northgate, where she made many friends among her customers and co-workers. Her schedule at the Popular had to accommodate her volunteer work at the WBAMC gastroenterology clinic (more than 36 years as a Red Cross volunteer there), as well as her more-than-twenty-year service as election judge of her precinct at Crosby Elementary School. She left the Popular to spend more time with Jim as well as with her grandchildren. After Jim passed away in 1986, Arlene continued her volunteer work and was often to be found riding the bus to her various appointments and meetings. She continued to volunteer at the FB Thrift Shop and at WBAMC, as well as "behind the scenes" for the Discover Shop and Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, where for many years, as a member of the Rosary/Altar Society, she coordinated the laundering of altar linens. She was also a founding member of the Desert Sun Chapter of the Society of Military Widows, and a member of Beta Sigma Phi, Texas Laureate Epsilon Psi. Arlene left her beloved home of fifty years to live at Emeritus at Cielo Vista in December of 2008. She had many friends at Emeritus and enjoyed her view of Ponder Park and the Franklins, often telling people about the beautiful sunsets and the star on the mountain that she could see through her window. Eventually, Arlene moved to Ponderosa Adult Foster Home where she received loving care from everyone there, especially Adrian Calderón, Rudy Calderón, Rudy Calderón Jr., Yolanda Maesse, and Julio Estrada. Arlene was particularly proud of her Catholic faith, her Irish heritage, her Dooley family, her American patriotism, and her Democratic Party affiliation. Arlene is survived by her children Mary (Dennis) Hellberg, Georgetown, TX; James Patrick Price (Rose Garrison), Brisbane, CA; Nancy Elizabeth Price (Kathy Horton), Duncanville, TX; granddaughter Brenda (Jason) Barnett and her great-granddaughter Taylor, El Paso, TX; granddaughter-in-law Amanda Hellberg, and her great-grandson Magnus, Lawrence, KS; brothers-in-law Harvey Munns, Arroyo Grande, CA; Ernest "Bud" Soucie, Hastings, NE; sister-in-law Lillian Dooley, Bellflower, CA; and numerous nieces and nephews, as well as a host of friends. She was pre-deceased by her husband, James I. Price, Jr.; her grandson Christopher Hellberg; her parents; brothers Paul, Vernon, Vince, Leo, Richard and Earl Dooley; sisters Mary Harvey, Eleanor Pahlow, Irene Munns, Stasia Hopkins and Ann Soucie. Visitation will be Monday, February 18, 2013, from 5:00-9:00 pm, Rosary at 7:00 pm at Kaster-Maxon & Futrell, 8817 Dyer. Funeral Mass will be Tuesday, February 19, 10:00am, at Blessed Sacrament Church, 9025 Diana Drive, with internment following at Ft. Bliss National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association , P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312, or the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, www.jdrf.org.

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