



Dorothy Nell Tipton

October 23, 1931 - August 17, 2018

Dorothy Nell Wilhelm Tipton passed away Friday August 17, 2018, at the age of 86. She was born in Chriesman, Texas in 1931, to Herman and Loraine Bankston Wilhelm. Her family moved to Menard when she was a small child. While attending Menard schools, she worked at Bean's Drug in the old Bevans Hotel and later as a waitress. Completing high school in only three years, she graduated in 1948. After graduation she worked in the telegraph office for Mr. Wise.

Dorothy married Joe B. Tipton in 1949. They moved to Odessa, Texas, where Joe worked in construction. While there, their daughter Jo Nell was born. They moved to Colorado where they had bought a ranch. While in Colorado, Dorothy cared for their daughter and new son, who was born in Steamboat Springs. After six years they decided to leave the cold behind and returned to Texas for warmer weather. Joe worked the oil fields in Texas and New Mexico.

Dorothy soon tired of moving around, so they settled in Gallup, New Mexico. While in Gallup, she drove a school bus in the mountains in deep snow. She received several citations for safe driving. After several years, she worked as a secretary for several doctors in a large hospital. Both children graduated from high school in Gallup.

In 1981 Dorothy was in a bad automobile accident. She spent two years

recovering in a rehabilitation center. In 1984 Joe and Dorothy bought part of the old Tipton Ranch in Menard; and in 1986 they decided to return to their hometown and build a new home and establish the ranch.

Because Dorothy really enjoyed working, she joined the Country Store where she baked pies and cakes, winning awards for her baked goods. Another job she enjoyed was caring for the elderly people in Menard County. About 2006 she was diagnosed with the beginning stages of dementia. This terrible disease slowly took its toll.

Survivors include her husband Joe B. Tipton, son Bud Tipton both of Menard, two sisters-in-law Pat Craig of Gallup, New Mexico, and Thyra Tipton of Bloomfield, New Mexico and a brother-in-law John Tipton of Phoenix, Arizona.

She will be missed by her family and all that knew her.

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“ *I was a good friend of Jo Nell's and had met Dorothy on a couple of occasions. I happened upon her passing my condolence's to the family.*

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