



Hazel Ahlgren Huffman

born September 1, 1918 in Tucson, Arizona passed away peacefully Sunday, February 27, 2011. A native Arizonian, Hazel graduated from Tucson High School and the University of Arizona (UA) where she was Phi Kappa Phi and was honored for having the best grades in her senior class. Growing up in the depression era, Hazel skipped several grades and began teaching business education at Willcox High School when she was 20 years old.

Hazel met and married her soul mate, T. Bruce Huffman in Willcox. Together they owned and operated the Toggerly, a clothing store, for over 40 years, were pillars of the community and helped many students further their education at the UA. After Bruce's death in 1981, Hazel took over the family business until she retired in 2003 at the age of 85 and closed the Toggerly, which had been operating for 88 years and is now a museum. Even in retirement she remained active in the community and an active supporter of the UA.

Hazel was a true sports fan and spent many Sundays playing golf at the Yucca Sierra Golf Course in Willcox with her husband, son and dogs. Her zest for life and positive outlook influenced all who came in contact with her, especially her family. She is survived by her sister, Helen Davis (Dick) of Santa Rosa, CA; children, Ann Modica of Tucson; Julie Donnelly (Mike) of Denver and Tom Huffman (Trish) of San Diego. She is also survived by seven grandchildren including: Robbie Modica (Sarah), Tom Modica (Stefanie), Meghan Donnelly, Mike Donnelly (Julia), Kellen, Allison and Emily Huffman and three great-grandchildren, Max and Lina Modica and Sara Donnelly. Sadly, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Helen Huffman.

If you wish to remember Hazel, donations may be made to UA/Huffman Memorial Scholarship Endowment and addressed to the University of Arizona Foundation, Attn: Nicholas Wilson, P.O. Box 210109, Tucson, AZ 85721. The recipients

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