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She was born on Nov. 29, 1928 in Caldwell, Texas to Ella Machan Beseda and John Charles Beseda. The Beseda's owned and operated the New Tabor Country Store, the first general store of its kind in 1928- 1967. John's brother would come to the store and tease Gladys about being "a little chip off the ole block" and she used that nickname her entire life. Chip attended school in Caldwell and graduated from Caldwell High School in 1945. Shortly after graduating, she went to Austin to attend Austin Business College where she earned a master's degree in business and accounting. She married Raymond Hickman in 1957 and her first daughter Patricia "Tricia" was born in 1960. After the death of her first husband, from a motorcycle accident in 1963, Chip continued to work and parent her daughter. In 1965, she married George Wesley Manning, Retired Air Force Captain (1955) and personal business owner. They moved to McAllen where she spent the rest of her life with Tricia and Wes. In 1986, Wes passed away after a lengthy illness. In 1990, Chip

moved her mother Ella from Caldwell to McAllen and cared for her until her passing.

Chip loved community and volunteer work and was instrumental in organizing the first hospital auxiliary in the McAllen General Hospital, additionally, she was the president of the Hospital Auxiliaries of the State of Texas and was a lifetime member of the auxiliary. She had a great love for children and held the office of president for the McAllen Child Study Club. Chip worked alongside her husband Wes for many years in his insurance business. Following his death, she became the Director of Volunteers at HCA Rio Grande Regional Hospital for the next several years until she retired. Her hobbies were gardening, watching old movies, and spending time with family.

She was preceded in death by her parents Ella Machan and John Charles Beseda, her brother Monroe John Beseda (1931-1945) due to a horseback riding accident, her first husband Raymond Hickman and her husband George Wesley Manning.

Chip is survived by her daughter, Patricia "Tricia" Skalitsky (Jimmy Skalitsky); three granddaughters, Laurin Nicole Guzman, Melanie Brooke Skalitsky, Meredith Lindsay Skalitsky; and five great grandchildren, Alexis Faith Guzman, Jeremy Daniel Guzman, Luke Ryan Guzman, Brynn Isabella Skalitsky-Reed and Madison Barron-Skalitsky.

Visitation will be Monday, April 19 from 6-8pm at Kreidler Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held at 1pm Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at Valley Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **19**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kreidler Funeral Home, Inc.

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McAllen, TX 78501

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Graveside Service

APR **20**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Valley Memorial Gardens

3605 N Taylor Rd

Mission, TX 78501

Tribute Wall



“ Gladys "Chip" Manning

October 08, 2023 at 09:43 PM



“ Gladys "Chip" Manning

November 29, 2022 at 06:40 AM



“ Chip was kind, considerate, supportive and a strong woman. She was the epitome of a classy lady. I will always remember her fondly.



Debbie Polzin - April 16, 2021 at 12:18 PM