



Nina Jo (Ditto) Apley, "Josie", 85, departed this life into the arms of Jesus on Friday, Nov. 27, 2015, surrounded by her loved ones at home.

Josie was born on Oct. 24, 1930, in Clovis, New Mexico, daughter of Frank and Nina Mae Ditto. She lived most of her life in Clovis where she was a member of the Advent Christian Church. She moved to Farmersville, Texas in 2010 where she lived with her stepson Alan Scott Apley and his family. She remained in Texas until September of 2014 when she moved to Knoxville, Tennessee to live with her stepdaughter Anna Marie Sprain and her family.

Josie was a strong woman who had battled Rheumatoid Arthritis since the age of 10 and, though it crippled her body, she never let it define who she was or what she could do. She had a beautiful smile, joyful and kind spirit and was loved by all who knew her.

She is survived by sister, Frankie Bernice Trelikes of El Cajon, California; birth son, George McCandless of Roswell, New Mexico; stepdaughters and sons-in-law, Rebecca and William Kirby of Joshua, Texas; Anna and Butch Sprain of Knoxville, Tennessee; stepson and daughter-in-law, Joel and Lisa Apley of Knoxville, Tennessee and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 28 years, Stanley Apley; parents, Frank and Nina Mae Ditto; brothers, William R. Ditto and Kenneth W. Ditto and stepson, Alan Scott Apley.

Josie has been cremated and interment will be with her husband, Stanley Apley. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 3, 2016, in Colfax Cemetery in Bad Axe.

Visitation will be prior to the service at the cemetery.

A special note of appreciation goes to the care team of Amedisy's Home Health and Hospice of Knoxville, Tennessee who provided such compassionate care during her 14 weeks of Hospice Care.

Her physical presence will be missed by all, memories of her love and spirit will remain with us always and for those who count Jesus as Lord and Savior, one day we will see her again.

If you wish to offer your condolences to the family, please go to www.kaufmanfuneralhome.com