



## Mary Eugenia Philp Askew

August 6, 1917 - January 2, 2015

Mary Eugenia Philp Askew, 97, passed away January 2, 2015. Mary was born August 6, 1917 in Beaumont, Texas to William Joseph Philp and Nancy Elizabeth Allen. "Mimi" was preceded in death by her husband of 73 years Hubert Carl Askew, Sr. of Houston, Texas, her daughter Mary Eugenia Askew of Baldwin City, Kansas, her sister Martha Philp Calloway and brother-in-law James Calloway. She is survived her son by Dr. Hubert Carl Askew and daughter-in-law Rebecca Ann (Becky) Askew of Houston, Texas; granddaughter Nancy Ann Witmer and husband Rich J. Witmer, granddaughter Susan Elizabeth Sanders and husband Mark A. Sanders; great-grandchildren Meghan E. Witmer, Rachel A. Witmer, Jack M. Witmer, Taylor E. Sanders, and Marshall A. Sanders, all of Houston.

Mary grew up in Beaumont with her beloved sister Martha Philp Calloway and attended South Park High School. She met her husband Hubert while he was working at Walgreen's Drug Store in Beaumont. After their marriage they moved to Houston in 1937 and had two children. Over the next forty plus years, Mary lovingly supported her family and worked alongside her husband to grow the Askew Drug Store to 10 locations throughout Houston and the eventual development of Askew Wholesale and Tobacco Co. During this time she found time to act as Den Mother and president of the Grady Elementary School PTA in Houston. Following their retirement in 1985, Mary especially enjoyed gardening and quilting with her sister and friends and enjoyed

reminiscing with Hubert about their many traveling adventures. Mimi was a loving mother and grandmother and will be greatly missed.

The family would like to personally thank longtime caregivers Robin, Iker, Joyce and others for their kind compassionate assistance during these final months.

Friends are cordially invited to attend a visitation and reception on Wednesday, the 7th of January from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Drive in Houston. Mary will be laid to rest alongside her loving husband following a private family service at Forest Park Westheimer Cemetery. Please visit [www.DettlingFuneral.com](http://www.DettlingFuneral.com) to leave online tributes.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Park Westheimer Cemetery

12800 Westheimer Road  
Houston, TX 77077

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Eugenia Philp Askew*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Mary Eugenia Philp Askew*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Mary Eugenia Philp Askew*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Mary Eugenia Philp Askew*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Eugenia Philp Askew.*



January 07, 2015 at 12:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Mary Eugenia Philp Askew*.



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January 06, 2015 at 12:09 PM