

Alta (Buck) Hamilton, 91

Feb. 19, 1925 - Sept. 17, 2016

SAN ANTONIO, TX —

Alta Anna Hamilton, daughter of Roscoe August Buck and Lillian Katherine (Matthiesen) Buck, was born February 19, 1925 in Woodbine. She graduated from Shelby Consolidated High School in 1945, being active in basketball and other activities. After graduation, she worked for the Federal Aviation Administration, retiring after 31 years, having a dedicated career with meritorious service for the United States Government.



July 16, 1950, Alta married Westley Holmes Hamilton at the Shelby Presbyterian Church in Shelby. The couple traveled to many locations during his Air Force career, retiring in Helotes, TX.

Alta loved the earth, digging in the soil, planting flowers, feeding the birds and the squirrels, and watching the animals grow under her care. Each life is a miracle that changes the world, and leaves it a better place than it was before.

Alta Anna Hamilton passed away September 17, 2016, in San Antonio, TX at the age of ninety-one years, six months and four weeks.

In addition to her parents, Alta was preceded in death by her husband, Westley H. Hamilton; two brothers, Roscoe and Lowell Buck; and three sisters, Veta Bock, Mildred Whannell and Lois Mortensen. She is survived by one brother, Robert (Aletha) Buck of Shelby; sisters, Bessie Langer of Council Bluffs, Vera (Wayne) Raasch of Harlan, Edna Barton of Colorado Springs, CO, and Retha Buck of New York, NY; many nieces and nephews and countless friends. A friend wrote, "Mrs. Hamilton was always a yellow (her favorite color) ray of sunshine and always had a smile and kind words for everyone."

A private family gathering and memorial service will be held at a later date.