



Barbara Nicholson

September 22, 1924 - January 6, 2019

Barbara Frei Nicholson, 94, passed away on Sunday, January 2, 2019. She was born in Evanston, Illinois to Russell and Gracia Frei on September 22, 1924. Barbara moved to Midland, Texas in 1960, where she raised her son, Reed. After retiring from Union Oil, Barbara lived quietly in Harvard Avenue neighborhood, befriending the turnover of neighbors over the years. Her dry wit and wry sense of humor made for unique and pleasant friendships. The family of Brooke and Shane Snow became particularly close to Barbara, with their children referring to her as grandmother. Even after moving away from the neighborhood, the Snows continued to care for Barbara, treating her as family.

Barbara is survived by her son, Reed and his wife, Clari of Seattle, Washington; her sister, Janet Frei Stoltz of Midland; the Snow family; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Barbara enjoyed her solitude, and was very comfortable with herself and the companionship of a dog. Her devotion to her Yorkshire Terrier, Max, was evident. As his health began to fail, she remained determined to live independently in her home, vowing: "I'm not going anywhere as long as I have Max." Thus she continued her life on Harvard Avenue, living as she pleased until the end.