

Cleopatra Boyd, 86, Nanny and Housekeeper Who Loved Darien

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Cleopatra Boyd died on March 31 at University Hospital in San Antonio, Texas, surrounded by family following a brief illness. She was 86.

She was born on April 16, 1930 to Maud and Jessie Alexander in Reagan, Texas. She graduated the valedictorian of her high school class at Reagan ISD before moving to San Antonio, Texas.

Cleo, as she was affectionately known, was joined in holy matrimony to Henry Boyd, who preceded her in death in 2003.

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There were no children born to this union, however, Cleo loved and cared for a number of children over her lifetime, earning their undying love and gratitude. These included the children and many grandchildren of her three beloved brothers, Jessie, Neal, and Roy Alexander, and the Branton and Thuss children she helped to raise in her 40-year career as housekeeper and nanny to the Denman sisters, Emily Denman Thuss and Molly Denman Branton.

She travelled with the families all over the United States, and she especially loved Darien and Aspen, Co. for their natural beauty and lively social scenes.

Her unwavering kindness, gentleness, sense of humor, and intelligence live on in the memories of all of the children who loved her.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Jessie and Maud Alexander, her husband, Henry Boyd, and her three brothers, Jessie, Neil and Roy Alexander. She leaves to cherish her in fond memory her nieces, Ruth Riley and Mary Cox, her nephew, Neal Alexander, Jr., a host of great nieces and nephews, two sisters-in-law, Athylene Alexander and Sabre Russell, and the Branton, Thuss, and Rico families.

Visitation will begin at 4 p.m., Wednesday, April 12 at [Lewis Funeral Home](#) in San Antonio. The funeral will be held at 12:30 p.m., Thursday, April 13 at Lilly of the Valley Baptist Church, and interment will follow at 2:30 p.m. at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.