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NELDA MATTHEWS

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Nelda is a child of the depression, born in Hereford, TX into a farming family. As the dust bowl worsened, the family moved to Phoenix, AZ and lived with grandparents and siblings who had also fled to the West.

After completing high school in Phoenix, Nelda attended business school and then worked in the Arizona State Insurance Compensation Office. Her father moved to Colorado where he homesteaded and farmed, while her mother divided her time among Colorado, Texas and Phoenix. For a year or so, Nelda and one of her sisters were responsible for their two younger sisters.

Nelda met her husband-to-be in high school. After he returned from the Navy, he persuaded her to move to California where they were married in 1949. John worked at a Menlo Park automobile agency, eventually rising to a top managerial position. They raised three daughters who produced five grandchildren, now ranging in age from three to 24. During their 53-year marriage they resided in many different cities on the Peninsula where pets were always a part of their household.

One of Nelda's fondest memories is of a European trip she and John took with their eldest daughter and her husband in 1998. She enjoys reading, music, movies and golf.

Nelda is now living in Assisted Living.