

## **MARY KRAMER**

Tula was more than a good friend, she was also a great entertainer, and my visits with her were a pleasure.

She had a sharp mind, and kept it sharp by constant reading – 14 books a week; Joyce could attest to that, because she hauled her books to and from the library. Tula initialed them so that the librarian wouldn't give her the same twice.

She also had a great sense of humor, and was constantly sharing her jokes with me. Some of them I couldn't repeat, and I constantly told her – “please Tula, don't tell that one to Fr. Tom” – and she always replied – “but he loves a good joke”.

Tula wasn't a good listener (partly because of her hearing problem) but was a great talker. Her life experiences would fill a book, having lived in many places, being an Army wife. I learned so much from her about the early days of California, Army life, as well as about human nature. She loved people, and made Army life a little more fun for many wives, etc.

Finally, she had a strong faith that God's grace gave her the patience to endure a very confining life.  
I'll miss her very much.