She is skilled in the crafts of home and hearth… She is quick to assist anyone in need… and she always faces tomorrow with a smile…. The women to be admired and praised is the woman who lives in the Fear-of God.”

Pam embodies the spirit of these words. She’s devoted her life to serving others, raising two children while her husband ran a busy orthopedic surgery practice. His untimely death left Pam a widow early in her 70s. Determined to stay healthy, she has practiced Pilates almost daily for 12 years and enjoyed horseback riding for most of her life. Pam’s home in Hill Country Village included a stable for the horses she rode with her daughter, Shannon, and son, David.

“The kids did 4H and quarter horse show and dressage,” Pam said. “Those were the fun days. I lived my dreams through my daughter. She has all the fancy ribbons and trophies, and I cleaned the stall.”

Pam grew up in Wichita Falls, where she and her sister, Tana, learned how to ride as children. They would spend a week every summer at Lost Valley Ranch in Colorado, where they rode for hours. This was a tradition Pam continued with her family.

David and his family now live in Denver, where he has traded his saddle for a snowboard, Pam said. But her daughter lives in Stone Oak, conveniently close to Pam’s latest residence - her beautifully decorated home in Independence Village.

Pam and her pup, Spencer, moved to Independence Village this year to rid herself of the upkeep of the ranch and shorten the commute to her grandsons’ sporting activities. Now it’s just “one minute and 10 seconds,” out the back gate of Independence Village to the Reagan High School gym or baseball field to watch 15-year-old Chase play. And her journey to baseball games at San Antonio Christian School for junior Dylan are not much further.

Pam still keeps close ties to her friends and family in Boerne. She visits her sister every week at the ranch where Tana tends a herd of miniature horses. Pam is a graduate of Bible Study Fellowship and mentors a group of young mothers through her church, Oak Hills. For several years, Pam worked as a nanny for a family of pilots.

“I’d stay at the house with the kids when both were flying,” she said. “It is a blessing how God uses you wherever you are.”

A Life Well Lived

By Amy Morgan

Spend some time in the presence of Pam Craven and the words of Proverbs 31 will come to mind… “A good woman is hard to find…She is skilled in the crafts of home and hearth… She is quick to assist anyone in need… and she always faces tomorrow with a smile…. The women to be admired and praised is the woman who lives in the Fear-of God.”