



## Elsie Mae Mattingly

April 26, 1909 - October 17, 2008

A Celebration Service for the life of Elsie Mattingly, 99, will be at Brown's Funeral Service Chapel in Durant on Wednesday, October 22, 2008 at 2 p.m. Reverend Joe Dee Ray will be officiating. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery.

Elsie was born April 26, 1909 in Bonham, Texas to Ira and Mae Rigdon Ernest. She was one of eleven children. She died October 17, 2008 in Sherman, Texas.

Elsie married Harley Mattingly of Achille, Oklahoma on October 25, 1931. He preceded her in death on May 5, 1970. Elsie had lived in Bryan County since 1913.

She graduated from Calera High School and continued her education at Southeastern State College graduating with a Masters Degree in Elementary Education. She spent a career of 32 years as a teacher in elementary education. She taught 19 years in Oklahoma and the last 13 years in Denison, Texas, retiring in 1974. She continued teaching young children in the preschool program at Fairview Baptist Church for several years.

She is survived by her son, Alan Mattingly and wife Sherell (Dowling) of Sherman, Texas; grandson, Mark Mattingly and wife Tonya of Mineola, Florida; granddaughters, Karen Dowty and husband Aaron of Houston, Texas

and Susan Mueller and husband Jake of Highlands Ranch, Colorado; sister, Helen Myers of Chicago; brothers, Carl Ernest and wife Joanne of Lytle, Texas and Marland Ernest and wife Alice of Grandbury, Texas; and two great grandsons, Tyler Mattingly and Brett Dowty.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Ira and Mae Ernest; brothers, L.V. Ernest, Edward Ernest, Lloyd Ernest and Jewell Ernest; sisters, Ruth Kendrick, Christine Higgs and Betty Morse.

Elsie loved her Lord, family and her church where she sang in the choir and played the piano for her Sunday School Department. She loved to read the bible, play the piano and sing; harmonizing in the alto part. She led children's Bible Clubs and loved to work in Vacation Bible School.

Pallbearers are Melvin Ernest, Charles Dowling, Roy Boatner, Jerry Polson, Everett McGuire and Ron Little.

The family will receive friends at the Funeral Home on Tuesday, October 21st, from 6-8 PM.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.brownsfuneralservice.com](http://www.brownsfuneralservice.com).

Brown's Funeral Service, Durant is handling the arrangements.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Elsie Mae Mattingly*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *I remember Elsie as a petite "spit-fire" who would give her Uncle Weldon (Joe Rigdon) a hard time in politics and religion. To her family, I wish you peace in the knowledge that she lived a fine life. Thoughts and prayers are being sent your way.*

*Jana Rigdon Lucas  
daughter of Joe W. Rigdon*

**Jana Rigdon Lucas** - October 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF LIVING NEXT DOOR TO MS. MATTINGLY. SHE WAS ALWAYS A SUPER SWEET LADY. I REALLY DID ENJOY GETTING TO KNOW HER. I KNOW YOU WILL MISS HER, BUT JUST REMEMBER THAT SHE IS IN A BETTER PLACE. I AM VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. YOU ARE IN MY PRAYERS.*

**BECKY ELROD** - October 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Betty and I went to school at Calera as first thru 3rd grade. I have a lot of memories. I am Dave Earnest oldest daughter.*

**Jean Earnest Deffibaugh** - October 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM