



Vashti Cathey

March 12, 1914 - May 3, 2011

Vashti Cathey - Harper, was born March 12, 1914 in Anna, Texas. She died May 3, 2011 at Stonebrook Assisted Living Center in Denison, Texas at the age of 97. Her parents were Rev. William Lee Barnes and Talulah Belle Smith Barnes. She married Neal N. Cathey in 1937 who predeceased her in 1948. She married Carl Harper in 1956, who predeceased her, in 1971. She is survived by son, Wendell Cathey and daughter-in-law, Juliet, Durant, Oklahoma and son David Cathey of Fayetteville, Georgia, grandchildren, Rachel Cathey Boone and husband Billy, David Cathey and wife Amy, Kelli Cathey Anderson and husband Cary and Matthew Cathey and wife Katherine, great grandchildren Shasta Rencher and husband Ricky, Barrett Boone, Zachary Anderson, Jacob Anderson, Matthew Cathey, and Cameron Cathey. She was predeceased by 6 sisters and 2 brothers, 3 of whom lived into their 90's and 6 into their 80's.

Vashti grew up in rural Bryan County, Oklahoma, graduating from high school in Bokchito, Oklahoma, attending Southeastern State Teachers College, Durant, Oklahoma and later Oklahoma City University. She served as state president of General Federated Women's Clubs and at one time she held a national office. She retired in 2005 at age 91, after more than 25 years as a service volunteer at the Great Plains Hospital in Elk City, Oklahoma. She was

a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church in Elk City, Oklahoma, since 1956 where she taught Sunday School for many years. She loved to sing and sang in the church choir for many years. Vashti worked hard all her life and was very cheerful and active to near the end of her life, with church, quilting, playing cards, and living independently until she was 95 years of age. She lived life fully, as she said many times, "my days are full." She was adventurous in her 80's traveling the U.S., Europe and to Israel two times. When asked once by a preacher at her 95 year old sister's funeral, what does Vashti mean or what is the meaning of your name, her reply to the minister was simply, "Book of Esther." She leaves the world a better place.

Graveside services will be 2:00 PM, Saturday, May 7, 2011 at Fairlawn Cemetery in Elk City, Oklahoma. Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.brownsfuneralservice.com. She loved the Elk City Presbyterian Church and memorials may be made to the church at 217 N. Washington, Elk City, OK 73644. Services are under the direction of Brown's Funeral Service Durant.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Vashti Cathey*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *I worked with Vasti in the gift shop of hospital the last two years she was here. She never complained about anything. She shared that she never went to the doctor, did some exercises, and took some vitamins--her recipe for a healthy, long life.*

Darlene James - May 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Wendell, Juliet, Rachel and David:*

I am sorry about your mother and grandmother. I had the opportunity to met her while she was in the hospital a year or two back. She was a sweet lady and it sounds like a busy one during her years!! You will miss her, but will have lots of memories for the future. I think of your family often. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Patty Spence Wilhite - May 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM