



Ruth McElroy

April 8, 1920 - January 6, 2021

Celebration of Life Service for Mary Ruth McElroy, 100 of Enid, will be 2:00 pm Tuesday, January 12, 2021 in Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home Chapel with Jeff Jackson officiating. Burial will follow in the Fairview McKeeman Cemetery near Medford, under the direction of Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home.

Mary Ruth was born April 8, 1920 on a farm near Jefferson, OK to Elmer Clyde and Mary Lelia (Mamie) Cole McKeeman and passed away Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at The Commons in Enid.

She rode a school bus to Jefferson School from first grade through high school. After graduating from Jefferson High School in 1938, she attended junior college in Tonkawa, OK and earned a teaching degree from Northwestern State College in Alva, OK.

Ruth had a long career as a teacher. She first taught two years in rural schools in Oklahoma then moved to California where she taught elementary grades in Sacramento, California. She married Richard D. McElroy on June 20, 1954. They lived in California until 1989 when they moved to Enid, OK to be closer to family.

Ruth enjoyed helping and serving others through her various mentorships, tutoring, social groups, and service organizations. She was a charter member

of Sierra Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Loomis, CA. In retirement, she enjoyed genealogy and was a charter member of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Roseville, CA, later transferring to the Enid DAR Chapter. Ruth also belonged to the Robert Coe Chapter, Colonial Dames XVII Century and Oklahoma City Chapter Daughters of 1812.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Richard, brothers, Elmer, Harold (infant), and Lester. She is survived by her sister, Julia Esther Welch of Wichita, KS, nine nieces and nephews, and many members of their families.

Memorials may be made through the funeral home to the Fairview McKeeman Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Fairview McKeeman Cemetery

Medford, OK

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home Chapel
3002 N. Van Buren
Enid, OK 73703
<http://www.andersonburriss.com>

Tribute Wall

GE

“ I met Ruth only once at her home in Enid when we were working on our family genealogy line through the McKeeman side of the family. My mom was Ruth’s distant cousin. Ruth was a gracious host and knew her family genealogy! We continued to send Christmas letters to each other. I will miss her annual update letter. So sorry that your family has lost this true Matriarch!

Gayle Eisenhauer - January 23, 2021 at 11:16 AM

GG

“ So sorry for your loss. I met Ruth at the Enid Chapter NSDAR. Enjoyed working with her.
Glenda Golden



Glenda Golden - January 11, 2021 at 08:26 PM

LF

“ Leland and Chris McKeeman and family. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ruth McElroy.



Leland and Chris McKeeman and family. - January 11, 2021 at 01:24 PM

RG

“ Robert G. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ruth McElroy.



Robert G. - January 10, 2021 at 05:50 PM

AA

“ Our thoughts and prayers to your families at the loss of Mrs. McElroy.

AK, Shirley Armstrong - January 09, 2021 at 10:48 PM