



Virginia Margaret James

May 8, 1921 - June 2, 2013

A celebration of life service for Virginia M. Goodwin James, age 92, will be at 2:00 PM Friday, July 12, 2013, at Central Assembly of God Church, with Rev. Kevin Ward officiating. Virginia was born to Fredrick and Lula (Powell) Goodwin on May 8, 1921, in Norman, and left this earth on June 2, 2013, in Enid after a brief illness. Virginia was the oldest of three children. Her dad was a member of the Army Artillery (horse-drawn) Regiment stationed on the OU campus. She graduated from Norman High School in 1939 and married her high school sweetheart, Otho J. James on July 24, 1940. Otho was in the Army and they were stationed in several locations during WWII. After the war, they returned to Oklahoma, living in Norman, Oklahoma City, and then settling in Enid in 1950. To this union two children were born, Charlie and Debbie. Virginia was a homemaker for many years. She was a wonderful mother, excellent cook, as well as Cub Scout Den Mother and Blue Bird/Camp Fire Leader. After Debbie was out of grade school, Virginia went back to college attending Phillips University and received her education degree. She taught 4th and 5th grades for 13 years at Garfield and Adams Elementary Schools. Virginia was an active member of Central Assembly of God Church since 1950, serving as a Sunday School teacher, and involved in Women's Ministries, Missionettes, and Star Widows. She was a member of the Oklahoma Teachers Association. After she retired from teaching, she volunteered many hours at Integris Bass Hospital. She was also an artist in her spare time, completing several oil paintings cherished by family members.

Ms. Virginia will be missed by many. Her wit and thoughtfulness always made people smile. She was also blessed with wisdom beyond measure. She made friends everywhere she went. Her family adored her as she was a hero as a wife, mother, grandmother, chef, homemaker, career woman, artist, volunteer, and more than anything else, a teacher. She was truly an amazing woman. Virginia and Otho were married for 67 years at his death in 2008. She is survived by son Charlie James and wife Marvella, of Newton Kansas; daughter Debbie DeWitt and husband Randy of Enid; six grandchildren, Charlie James, Jr. and wife Becky of Pinckney, Michigan; Becky James of Nebraska City, Nebraska; Tim James of Olathe, Kansas; Ron James and wife Alisa of Manhattan, Kansas; Tara Batterman and husband Barry of Lahoma; and Kari Clark and husband MsGt Jeremy of Aviano AB, Italy; six great-grandchildren, Hollyann Noyes, Makenzie Clark, Amberly Clark, Logan James, Blake Batterman, and Alivia James; sister-in-law Henrietta Goodwin; many nieces and nephews; and her "inlaw sisters" Bonnie DeWitt and May Gentry. Virginia was preceded in death by her parents, husband Otho, sister Edith Lee, and brother Fred Goodwin. Memorials may be made to Central Assembly of God Church Children's Ministries. Condolences online at www.andyersonburriss.com. Interment was June 6, 1913, in Memorial Park Cemetery.