

## CLEO RIDLEY YEATTS HOOD

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Cleo Ridley Yeatts Hood died January 21, 2007 at her home. She was born in Marlow, Oklahoma, to Charles Edgar Ridley and Dora mae (Ryan) Ridley. She was the first of four children. At age eleven her mother passed away, and she had to become a mother to her siblings and manager of the household.

She attended school in Wilson, Oklahoma, and later graduated from Capital Hill High School in Oklahoma City. She attended Oklahoma State University. In 1933 she married Oather E. Yeatts. This union produced a son, Connie Mack, and a daughter, Linda. In 1942 they purchased a farm in western Denton County. They lived and worked the farm until Oather's death in 1971. Cleo leased the farm and moved to Colorado to her beloved mountains. She later returned to Texas to be closer to her grandchildren.

In 1984 Cleo married L. F. Hood, and they bought a farm in East Texas near Winnsboro. She continued to farm and raise

cattle. At the age of 85, she retired to enjoy grandchildren, great grandchildren and to play bridge. In 2002 Cleo and L. F. returned to Bridgeport.

Survivors include her sister, Helen Ridley Hughes of Madill, Oklahoma; sister-in-law, Willietta Ridley of Johnson City, Tennessee; daughter, Linda Yeatts Smith and husband, Mike of Denton; daughter-in-law, Marilyn Yeatts Johnson and husband Calvin of Bridgeport; grandchildren, Sherri Yeatts Jones and husband Kevin of Bridgeport, Marianne Yeatts Pike and husband Charlie of Paradise, Mark Yeatts of Bridgeport, Amy Yeatts Warren and husband Jon of Keller, Scott Smith and wife Brandy of Aubrey, Gina Smith Thurman of New Bern, N. Carolina and husband Major John Thurman, USMC, Prowler Squadron, El Assad, Iraq. She is also survived by her great-grandchildren, Emile, Colin, and Bailey Jones; Chris, Matt, Ashley, and Nick Pike; Jake and Elizabeth Ridley Warren; Blake Smith; and Sydni Thurman. several nieces and nephews; step-daughter, Ann Hood Harp and husband Bob of Lexington, Kentucky, step-grandchildren Susan Harp, Dee Dee Turner and Chad Harp, and step-great-grandchildren, Josh Harp, Courtney Turner, and Sara Harp.

Thanks to Tammie Lipham and Jody Young, her caregivers, who made her final year one of joy and happiness and special friends JoAnna Chaney, Bart King and Amber Green.

She was preceded in death by her husband Oather in January of 1971, son, Connie Mack in April 1994, husband L.F. Hood in December 2005, sister, Florene Ridley Oliver in June 2006 and brother Charles Edward Ridley in December 2006.

Graveside service is Wednesday, January 24 at 3 p.m. at Roselawn Memorial Park in Denton. Honorary pallbearers are Royce Hull, George Boyd, Jerry Borchardt, James Ferrell, Fred Marrs, Windy Fowler, Dan Dodd and Freddie Boenker. In lieu of flowers the family request donations may be made to Solaris Hospice at 2250 S. FM 51, Suite 400, Decatur, TX 76234 or the charity of their choice.

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