

DARLENE CHRISTIAN ROPER



1934-2008

DECATUR: Darlene Christian Roper, 74, of Decatur, died on Monday, December 15, 2008, after a long battle with cancer.

Darlene was born October 17, 1934 in Duncan, Oklahoma to Marion Alonzo and Wilma Claudia (Ice) Lester. She moved with her family to Decatur in 1946. While attending Decatur High School, she played on the 1951 Varsity Basketball team that played in the first Girl's State Tournament in Austin. She married Charles Christian on April 16, 1951 in Waurika, Oklahoma and was married 39 years at his time of death. She later married Billy Clinton Roper in Decatur and they spent 10 years traveling before settling back in Decatur.

Survivors include her husband, Bill Roper of Decatur; two daughters, Teresa Mattison and Carrie Christian; two sons, Ricky Christian and Joey Christian all of Decatur; brother, Skip Lester of Burneyville, Oklahoma; eight grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren; nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Darlene is preceded in death by her parents, first husband, and brother, Wendell Lester. Graveside service was at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Oaklawn Cemetery with Rick Ross officiating.

Pallbearers were Rusty Christian, Chris Mattison, Andy Mattison and Brian Christian.

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