

## EDITH ESTELLE BAKER

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**1921-2012**

*CHICO:* Edith Estelle Baker, 91, died Tuesday July 17, 2012, in Harker Heights.

Edith was born March 7, 1921, to Johnny Ray and Myrtle Ann (Turnbow) Stephens, in Bowie. She was united in marriage to Louie Elston Baker on August 31, 1941. She was an active volunteer in the Chico ISD and held offices in the local, district, state and national Board of the Parents Teachers Association, She was solicited by President Jimmy Carter to be a voice for his progressive National Education Bill. She was involved with the Texas Historical Commission, Federated Women's Study Club, Texas Commission on the Arts, and Red Hatter (Diva Dames). In 2007 she received the "City of Chico Lifetime Achievement Award."

She is preceded in death by her husband, parents, oldest son Randall Glenn, daughter-in-law, sister, one great-grandchild, and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Survivors include her four children, Elston Dale, Tommy Durrett, Beverly Jane, and Stan-Lee Ray; fifteen grandchildren; twenty-three great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer Association, North Central Texas Chapter, 2630 West Freeway, Suite 100, Fort Worth, Texas 76102.

Services were held at Friday, July 20, 2012, at 10 a.m., officiated by Larry Whitaker, at Chico Cemetery.

