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WICHITA FALLS: Dorthey Marie Powell, 83, died Friday, March 29, 2013.

A daughter of the late Dona Merle (Pickens) and James Coy Redwine, Dorthey was born on January 16, 1930, in Chico, Texas. She attended schools in Chico and Electra. On July 3, 1948, she and Carl B. Powell were married by Reverend Thomas P. Weaver, who also officiated at Dorthey's parents' wedding and later at her daughter's wedding.

Dorthey was a faithful member of Wesley United Methodist Church. For many years, as her children were growing up, she taught Sunday school classes at University United Methodist Church. Dorthey was a member of Petrolia Chapter #84 Order of the Eastern Star and a dual member of Burkburnett Chapter #655 of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was Past Worthy Matron of the Wichita Falls Chapter #237 of the Order of the Eastern Star, Past Worthy Matron of the Faith Chapter #713 of the Order of the Eastern Star and Past Worthy Matron of the Petrolia Chapter #84 Order of the Eastern Star. Dorthey worked many years at the Wichita Falls State Hospital as an MHMR specialist prior to her retirement.

Dorthey was a person encircled by many families—the one with whom the Lord blessed her, along with her church family, her Eastern Star family and her many, many friends, who she loved as family.

Dorthey was also preceded in death by her husband, Carl B. Powell and a son, James B. Blair. She is survived by the loves of her life: her son, Bailey R. Powell and his wife, Debbie, Benbrook, TX; her daughter, Carla Robinson of Wichita Falls; her brother, James A. Redwine and wife, Nellie, of Chico; her two special nephews, James Dale and Joe Redwine and a special niece, Kathy Redwine, with whom she shared a special love and fondness; numerous other nieces, nephews and cousins; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a special "daughter of the heart", Bobbie Balchus.

Dorthey's family would like to extend their appreciation to the doctors and nurses for the care given to their mother, and also to Hospice of Wichita Falls.

For those desiring, memorial contributions may be sent to Wesley United Methodist Church or Petrolia Chapter 84 of the Order of the Eastern Star.

A Life Celebration will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 3, 2013, at Wesley United Methodist Church with Rev. Cheryl Murray and Rev. John Edwards officiating. Interment will follow at Crestview Memorial Park under the direction of Owens & Brumley Funeral Home.

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