

VERA MAE COCANOUGHER

1916-2014

DECATUR: Vera Mae Cocanougher, 98, a bookkeeper, died Thursday, August 21, 2014 in Decatur.

Vera was born on May 8, 1916 to Charlie and Dorthula (Habern) Cocanougher in Sanger. Her parents moved the family in 1919 to Decatur and established the Cocanougher Feed Store where she worked for nearly 50 years until she retired. Everyone who came into the store looked forward to being greeted by her. Being the bookkeeper, greeter, and secretary, she was very precise in her work. She always wanted all her accounting books completed to the penny before she retired for the day. Vera was a life long dedicated member of the Decatur First United Methodist Church. She was the oldest living member of the church. Vera was active in the United Methodist Women's Guild, attended Sunday school and church regularly when she was able. Being a devoted Christian, she saw the need to help by making many anonymous contributions, such as giving her family home to the church which would provide a house for the assistant pastor or additional parking when needed in the future. Vera was a former president of the Decatur Woman's Club. After retirement, she spent many hours as a pink lady at the Decatur hospital.

When Vera was a senior in Decatur High School, the school had to close for lack of funds, so she went to live with her sister in Denton so she could graduate on time. Later the Decatur High School presented the senior class with diplomas. She was a favorite of her nieces and nephews because she was always willing to play games, especially Touring. Vera was always willing to allow her nieces to play with her jewelry when visiting the family. At the family gatherings, on Sundays for lunch, at the family home, no peas were served because Aunt Vera didn't not like them! Being a kind gentle thoughtful person, she will greatly be missed by the family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her siblings, Glenn Cocan-ougher, Mary Fay Cocan-ougher, Marion Cocan-ougher, and Marie Cocan-ougher.

Survivors include her nephews: Allen Cocan-ougher, Charles Cocan-ougher and Bonnie Glenn Cocanougher; her nieces: Dorothy Cocanougher Reid and Marie Sue Cocanougher Murray and a host of friends.

Graveside service was held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday under the pavilion at Oaklawn Cemetery. Rev. Brian Bosworth officiated.

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