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CHICO: Lela Fay Griffis Duck, 94, homemaker, died Thursday, November 13, 2014 in Bridgeport.

Lela was born at home to C.W. "Charley" and Gertie Stockard Griffis on January 25, 1920 in Crafton, Texas. She remembered her parents telling her how everything was covered with ice that day. "They could hear the galloping hooves of the doctor's horse on the ice long before he arrived at their home."

Lela grew up in Crafton and attended school there. She married K.H. "Kinnie" Duck in Decatur on October 28, 1942, at Decatur Baptist College.

Lela came to know the Lord on September 1, 1952 in Park Springs where she lived and attended Park Springs Baptist Church. She joined First Baptist Church in Chico on October 5, 1963 and remains a member there.

Most of her life she was a homemaker, but as a young woman she worked in a florist shop in Lubbock and in the cafeteria at Harris Hospital in Fort Worth. She enjoyed cooking, working in her yard and vegetable garden, and sewing.

Lela was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her sisters: Elsie Griffis, Reba Richey, Oleta Bender, Nelba Ruth Culverhouse, Genell Hopkins; her brothers: Horace and James Carol Griffis and her sister-in-law, Leona Duck Powers.

Survivors include her children: Lana and Gary Handshumaker, of Alvord; Darla and Danny Hartsell, of Bridgeport; Benny and Linda Duck of Bridgeport and Bobby and Beverly Duck of Decatur; eleven grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; ten great great grandchildren and her best friend, Ruby Partin of Chico; other relatives and a host of friends.

Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Sunday, November 16, 2014 at First Baptist Church in Chico with burial in Pleasant Grove #3 Cemetery.

Rev. Sam Caldwell officiated. Pallbearers included Rickey Denney, Stan Denney, Michael Duck, Willie Wilson, Dr. Jason Tibbels, and Alex Plese.

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