



HELEN MARGURIETE STARNES HOWARD

1925-2014

DECATUR: Helen Marguriete Starnes Howard, 89, died at home in Decatur, TX on March 18, 2014. She met life on its own terms and was fiercely independent. She planned every step of her treatment in fighting breast cancer when it was diagnosed last October.

Born on March 9, 1925 in Sanger, TX to Leon & Pearlie Mae Teague Starnes, she lived in Wise County most of her life. Marguriete and Murrell Elvin Howard were married April 11, 1946 in Decatur. They have two sons, Paul Howard, Decatur and Brett Howard, Grapevine.

Marguriete enjoyed working at Marie's Dress shop and at Wise Electric Co-op. She was a talented seamstress and enjoyed needlework, especially crocheting. Marguriete was a member of the original Fundamental Baptist Church in Decatur. Her detailed knowledge of Biblical history led to lively discussions with friends and family. She was an avid Texas Rangers fan, often calling and debating play-by-play game details with friends.

Immediate survivors include her sons, Paul and Brett; Paul's wife, Mary, and his son Shane; Brett's children, Courtney and Colton; great-grandchildren, Mac Whitcomb and Bella Howard; and a great-great-grandson, Abel Whitcomb. Also surviving are her sister Nickie Brandon, brother, Larry Starnes, and two sisters-in-law, Martha Starnes and Mary Sue Starnes.

Marguriete was preceded in death by her husband, Murrell in 1987; her parents, Leon and Pearlie Starnes; and brothers, Bennie Paul Starnes of Houston and Danny Starnes of Denton.

A graveside service was held in Oaklawn Cemetery in Decatur Friday morning, March 21 at 10:30, officiated by Monty Martin.

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