

MARTHA PAULINE KEATH

1911-2014

NOCONA: Martha Pauline Keath, 103, a retired art teacher died Tuesday, July 1, 2014 in Nocona.

Martha was born April 29, 1911 to Paul and Willie (Hickman) Smith in Haslet, Texas. She was the only girl and the oldest of four siblings. Martha's early life was spent traveling in a wagon.

She remembers the church bells tolling to celebrate the end of World War I. She was something of a tomboy and loved playing baseball and shooting her guns and riding horses. In 1935, Grady Forbes Keath sent Martha a telegram saying he was coming to pick her up and they would be married. This went as planned and they married in July of 1935, Grady took her to Boyd, Texas where he was the agriculture teacher.

She attended Arlington State College which is now UTA, Texas Women's University and finally North Texas State where she achieved a Masters degree in art. She taught art in the Fort Worth schools.

After her husband died, she finally had time to be a full time artist. She painted until she was 99.

Martha is preceded in death by her parents, her husband and three brothers.

Survivors include her daughter, Betty Jennings and husband, Wayne, of Ringgold; her sons: Walton Earl Keath and wife, Sonia, of Arlington; Edwin Paul Keath and wife, Mary, of Dayton, Maryland and Adrin S. Keath of Nocona; her grandchildren: Kathy Keath Lewis, Perry Jennings, Paul Jennings, Travis Keath, Colby Keath, Jerry Russel Keath, Edwin Lee Keath, Jenny Gibson, and Jim Keath; eight great grandchildren; one great great granddaughter; extended family and a host of friends.

Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 5, 2014 at First United Methodist Church in Boyd with burial in Boyd Cemetery.

Rev. J.D. Allen officiated. Pallbearers included Perry Jennings, Paul Jennings, Travis Keath, Colby Keath, Matthew Keath and John Jennings. Honorary pallbearers were Jerry Russel Keath, Edwin Lee Keath, Kathy Keath Lewis, Jim Keath, and Jay Hamm.

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