

ERNESTINE LOTELLA HERRIOTT “KEWPIE”

1919-2015

CHICO: Ernestine Lotella Herriott “Kewpie”, 95, a banker, died Saturday, January 24, 2015 in Hurnville.

Kewpie was born May 27, 1919 to John and Clara (Cox) Herriott on the family farm just North of Chico. She was delivered by a pioneer woman doctor, Dr. Lotella Poteet. She was the last surviving granddaughter of North Texas Pioneer Basilee Pierce Cox, who arrived in North Texas in 1851, and was a veteran of the “Battle of Dove Creek” and several other engagements against the Comanche and Kiowa raiders. He served under Capt. James Cunningham.

Kewpie grew up in Chico surrounded by extended family. She graduated from Chico High School in 1936. Kewpie attended TCU and Draughn’s Business School. She began her banking career in 1936 working for Lee Morris at his Chico bank. In 1951 she met Carl W. Steward. They were united in marriage on January 26, 1956 in Oklahoma City. In May of 1959 they welcomed a son, Bill Elbert Steward into their lives. She and Carl also served as surrogate parents to Roger D. Moore. They later became grandparents to Amie, Eb, Karey Beth, Charlie, and the baby Kewpie. They also welcomed Roger’s children, Jessica, Katie, and Andrew. She later expanded her grandchildren to include Rachel and Raleigh Cox. Kewpie was a member of the First Baptist Church of Chico.

Kewpie was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Carl Steward; and son by heart, Roger D. Moore.

Survivors include her son, Bill E. Steward and wife, Kelly, of Hurnville, Texas; seven grandchildren; great grandchildren; other family members and a host of friends.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 31, 2015 at First Baptist Church in Chico with burial in Chico Cemetery.

Rev. Ronnie Geesling officiated assisted by Bill Steward. Pallbearers included Eddie Cox, Avery Cox, Arnie Barksdale, Raleigh Cox, Robert Cox and Audie Morris.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Wichita Falls, 4909 Johnson St. Wichita Falls, Texas 76310 and Cal Farley’s Boys Ranch P.O. Box 1890 Amarillo, Texas 79174-0001

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