

EVELYN C PRIEST

1923-2015

BRIDGEPORT: Evelyn C Priest, 91, a retired nurses aid, died Wednesday, May 6, 2015 in Decatur.

Evelyn was born on August 7, 1923 to Richard and Fannie (Schultz) Johnson in Thalia, Texas. She was united in marriage to Thomas "Fred" Priest on November 9, 1944 in Frederick, Oklahoma. Evelyn was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Bridgeport. She served on the board at the Wichita Falls State Hospital, where she also volunteered.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Thomas "Fred" Priest; her son, Tommy Priest; her great-grandchild, Mason Charles Laxson; her brother, Joe Van Johnson; her sisters: Mary Thompson and Linda Boyett.

Survivors include her daughter, Carole Laxson and husband, Butch, of Bridgeport; her grandchildren: Brad Laxson and wife, Mellissa, of Vernon; Melissa Nawrock and husband, Dwayne, of Lake Orion, Michigan; her great grandchildren: Tyler Laxson, Steton Gilley, Ryan Hildebrand; her brother, Paul Johnson of Waxahachie; her sisters: Martha Gann of Fort Worth; Nell Jones and husband, Gordon, of Wichita, Kansas; numerous other family members and a host of friends.

Funeral was held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 9, 2015 at Hawkins Funeral Home Chapel with a graveside service at 2:30 p.m. at Crestview Cemetery in Wichita Falls.

Rev. Sam Caldwell officiated. Pallbearers included Mike Simpson, Ross Simpson, Alan Powers, Derrick Boyd, Allen Williamson and Keith McComis.

The family request memorial contributions be made to Wichita Falls State Hospital Volunteer Services Council, P.O. Box 300, Wichita Falls, Texas, 76307 or ntshvolunteers.org

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