



ELEANOR MARIE WHITLEY STEWART

Eleanor Marie Whitley Stewart, age 85 of Grand Saline entered her heavenly home on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 in Tyler. Mrs. Stewart was born November 19, 1924 in Dallas, Texas to the late Earl and Annie Whitley. She was a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School in Dallas and married Gailen Stewart on January 30, 1947. They moved to Crockett, Texas where they raised three children. The family moved to

Grand Saline, Texas in the summer of 1968 where her late husband accepted the position of school superintendent and she was his secretary. Thus began her many church and civic activities in Grand Saline and Van Zandt County.

Mrs. Stewart was a member of First United Methodist Church of Grand Saline where she taught Sunday School and was a member of United Methodist Women and Administrative Board. Her civic memberships included Athena Club, Historical Society, Friends of the Library, and Retired Teachers of Van Zandt County. In Athena Clubs she held many offices, but was best known for writing the scripts for many Salt Pageants produced by the club.

Mrs. Stewart helped organize the local Historical Society and worked on the history of Grand Saline for the Van Zandt County publication. The Retired Teachers Association held a special place in her heart since she and her late husband were in the school business all of their lives. She received Van Zandt County Woman of the Year in 1993. Her passions were her God, family, writing, traveling, and playing bridge. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and sister.

Survivors include her daughter Carol Ann Davis, of Grand Saline; son and daughter-in-law Scott and Miryam Stewart, of Fort Worth; grandchildren Glen Davis, of Mineola, Hollie Davis, of Austin, Jeremy and Jaclyn Terndup, of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. and Blake Stewart, of Stephenville; sister Lynn and Wayne Laurence, of Dallas; nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of friends.

Preceded in death by her husband Gailen Stewart and second husband Richard Hamaker; son Charles Gailen Stewart; brother Edgar Whitley; and sister June Stevens.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Eleanor Marie Whitley Stewart were held Friday, April 9, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Grand Saline with the Rev. Dan Gilliam Officiating. Internment followed in Woodside Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Blake Stewart, Glen Davis, Andy Laurence, David Whitley, Charles Little and Harry Clifford.

Honorary Pallbearers were Edgar Laurence, Gerald Gilbert, John Rash, Murray Means, Dr. Ron Sherbert, Dr. Richard Ingram and Wiley Garland.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 584, Grand Saline, TX 75140 or the charity of one's choice.

Bartley Funeral Home