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**JIMMIE JEAN
WARREN OWEN**

Mrs. Jimmie Jean Warren Owen, of Waco passed away Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at a local hospital. Mrs. Owen was born January 24, 1930 in Sweetwater to James Forrest and Pauline Waits Warren.

Mrs. Owen grew up in Crockett where she graduated from Crockett High School. She attended Southern Methodist University, majoring in English and Journalism. Mrs. Owen was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, and continued actively supporting that sorority as an alumna.

Mrs. Owen worked as a writer for the Dallas Morning News while attending SMU, and continued in a full-time capacity after college. Mrs. Owen married John T. Owen July 30, 1955 in Crockett. They moved to Waco in 1957.

Mrs. Owen was Headmistress at St. Paul's Episcopal School in the early '70s, where she is widely regarded as the administrative /fundraising catalyst for a definitive curriculum direction and successful enrollment expansion leading to the addition of several grades and a fundamentally sound, academically relevant institution. After her retirement from St. Paul's, she coordinated curriculum for Gifted and Talented Student Education through the Education Service Center, Region 12. Mrs. Owen raised awareness and focused curriculum funding to gifted and talented programs through service on local, state and national committees.

Mrs. Owen was an active member of the Waco community, and served as volunteer, chairman, and advisor for many organizations including Cotton Palace Pageant, Waco Hippodrome, Meals on Wheels, East Terrace, Garden Club, and Historic Waco Foundation.

Mrs. Owen served First Presbyterian Church of Waco in several capacities, including Deacon, Elder and the Sanctuary Guild moderator. Each year for Easter, she folded hundreds of palm crosses for

the congregation to wear. Mrs. Owen also served as a representative on Grace Presbytery, one of the governing bodies of the Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Marshall and Ann Owen, of Waco; grandchildren Cameron and Rachel Owen, of Waco; brother and sister-in-law Dr. Joseph F. and Cora Sue Warren, of Tomball; nieces and nephews Suzanne Warren, Jim Warren, Joe Warren, John Warren, Jimmy Warren, Mike Warren, and Kathryn Warren.

Preceded in death by her parents; husband; and brother Forrest S. (Bud) Warren.

A memorial service for Mrs. Jimmie Jean Warren Owen were held Tuesday, January 23, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Waco, with the Reverend Dr. Jimmie Johnson officiating.

Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Waco Sanctuary Guild.

The family invites you to leave a message or memory in our "Memorial Guestbook" at www.wilkinsonhatchbailey.com

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