



Betty Carolyn Woodruff

August 8, 1920 - November 5, 2008

Betty Carolyn Black Parks Woodruff, age 88, died November 5, 2008, at Artesian Nursing Home in Sulphur.

Betty was born August 8, 1920, in the town of Little, OK., to the late Dr. W.R. Black and Fannie May (Mamie) Reynolds Black. She had two brothers, Rudolph and John Otis, and one sister Maleese, all deceased.

After graduating from Seminole High School, Betty began her college career at Abilene Christian college in 1939. She graduated from Oklahoma A&M (now Oklahoma State) in 1942 with a journalism degree, where she was vice president of her class. Betty was a member of the Chi Omega sorority at Oklahoma A&M.

Betty then worked as a nurse's aide for the Red Cross at St. Anthony's Hospital in Oklahoma City. She also worked as a copywriter for the advertising department at John A. Brown Department Store. In the summer of 1942, at 22 years of age, Betty worked for Oklahoma Congressman Lyle Boren in Washington, D.C. In 1944, Betty served as a PFC in the Women's Army Corp, based at Hamilton Air Force Base in California.

In 1946, she was united in marriage to Henry Maier Parks, a pharmacist from Seminole who co-owned Parks Drugstore with his brother. Henry and Betty,

who went on to have three children, later opened Parks Drugstore in Ardmore, where they lived until Henry died in 1967.

Betty later married Leonard J. Woodruff of Ardmore. He passed away in 1985.

Betty generally enjoyed the outdoors, maintaining her garden, crafts and animals. One of her favorite places to visit was South Padre Island in Texas, where she enjoyed the sun, sand and water.

Betty is survived by her three children; Stephen Maier Parks of Texas, her daughter Cinda Gaylyn and husband Fred Fink of Sulphur, and Paula Alice McClintock of Helena, MT, five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

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