



## Frances E Knight

January 29, 1929 - January 7, 2017

### Frances Eleanor Knight

Frances Eleanor Knight was born January 29, 1929 in Maria Elena, Chile, South America, to Robert E. B. and Nellie Walker Baylor. She passed away at Brookdale Assisted Living in Ada, Oklahoma, on the morning of January 7, 2017 at the age of 87 years, 11 months and 22 days. As a small child, she lived in several different mining towns in South America and her playmates were mostly the Bolivian and Chilean Indians. Spanish became her second language and even as dementia stole her, she would break into a Spanish conversation. Her father was a civil engineer who worked for the Anaconda Copper mines and was one of the engineers that helped design and build the Panama Canal. Frances' family was deeply rooted in Texas history from Baylor University to the Alamo to the Texas Rangers.

After high school graduation in Clarksville, Virginia, Frances and her mother relocated to the Baylor Ranch in Sierra Blanca, Texas. She worked briefly at the Hudspeth County courthouse. One day she saw "the handsomest man she had ever seen" through her windshield at the Texaco station. She loved him from that day forward and married Delbert Knight on Valentine's Day, 1949 at the Baylor Ranch, Sierra Blanca, Texas. They lived in Fort Hancock, Texas until in the early 50's they moved to Stratford, Oklahoma where they made their home until she moved to Assisted Living a year ago.

She devoted her entire life to being a good wife, mother and grandmother. Her

riches and accomplishments are represented in her children and grandchildren. While she didn't work outside the home after marriage, she worked side by side with Delbert to make their ranch a success. The saying goes that behind every good man, there is a strong woman...that was Frances. There was always room at her table for one more and she fed many. She was a marvelous cook and a welcoming hostess to everyone who came. She made everyone feel special and never tired in doing that job. She was preceded in death by her soulmate and husband, Delbert R Knight in 2005; her parents, one brother, two sons, Delbert R Knight Jr and James Russell Knight and many brothers- and sisters- in law that she felt so blessed to have in her life.

She is survived by one son & daughter-in-law, Bob & Debra Knight, Stratford, OK; two daughters and sons-in-law, Beth & Jim Little, Lexington, OK and Mary & James Qualls, Stratford, OK.

Thirteen grandchildren & spouses: Amy & Spanky Assiter, Canyon, TX, Yancy Paul, Caleb & Ashley Paul, all from Lexington, OK, Jamie Little, Flower Mound, TX, Megan and Nick Schroeder, Magnolia, TX, Travis & Brook Little, Owasso, OK, Danette Qualls and Drs. Heath & Meghan Qualls, Weatherford, TX, John Qualls, Stratford, OK, Lindsey & Alec Foster, Spanaway, WA, Matthew & Shelley Knight, Stratford, OK, Laura Knight, Ada, OK and Michael Knight, Irving, TX.

Eleven great -grandchildren and spouses: Alli & Robert Kranz, Austin, TX; Brittany & Robert Sidwell, Oklahoma City, OK; Julia Sparks, Canyon TX; Smith, Sadye & Hunter Paul, Lexington, OK, Audrey, Colby & Collette Little, Owasso, OK, Tyson Qualls, Weatherford, TX and Amelia Foster, Spanaway, WA.

One sister-in-law, Velva Ann Bivins and a brother-in-law, Bernard Sharp both of Shawnee, OK. As well as many nieces and nephews that she loved so dearly.

Services will be held at the Dearman Pickard Funeral Home in Stratford at 11:00am on Tuesday, January 10, 2017. Interment will follow at McGee

Cemetery. Should you desire, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to OMRF – Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, 825 Northeast 13th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73104.

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

DeArman Pickard Funeral Home  
305 West Smith  
Stratford, OK 74872  
(580) 759-2221  
<https://www.dearmanfuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Frances E Knight*

October 05, 2023 at 07:47 PM



“ *I'm so sorry I was not able to make the service. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Andrea Conrad*

**Andrea Conrad** - January 10, 2017 at 07:55 PM



“ *Beth, Mary and Bob,  
Circumstances prevented us from attending the services for Frances. Please accept our sympathy in the loss of your mother. She was the kindest, most hospitable individual I have ever known. As a guest of Delbert and Frances we always felt welcome in their home. Much love, Bernard and June*

**Bernard Sharp** - January 10, 2017 at 10:45 AM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Frances E Knight.*



January 09, 2017 at 10:25 PM

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“ I remember seeing that picture and thinking how pretty she was. The loss of a mother is like no other and you will miss her the rest of your lives, but you were so blessed to have had such a wonderful mother. Love Vicki Rennie

Vicki Rennie - January 09, 2017 at 09:39 PM

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“ Beth, so sorry for your loss. Thoughts, prayers, and condolences for the family. God be with you during this difficult time. God Bless and be with you all.

HM & Betty Pannell

HM & Betty Pannell - January 09, 2017 at 12:44 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Frances E Knight.



January 09, 2017 at 11:32 AM



“ Pink & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Frances E Knight.



January 09, 2017 at 11:25 AM