



Veva Jean Gibbard

March 3, 1922 - April 18, 2016

Veva Jean Gibbard, was born March 3, 1922 in Okemah, Oklahoma to Stephen A. & Lilla L. (Johnston) Rogers. The family moved to Sulphur, OK. While in Sulphur High School, she met and later married her best friend, protector and verbal sparring partner, Frank Gibbard. They were married on June 1, 1939 at Sulphur. He preceded her in death in 2000. Veva departed this life on April 18, 2016 at Norman, OK. at the age of 94 years 1 month and 15 days.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a granddaughter: Denise McCracken.

and her son-in-law: Robert Howe.

She and her family lived on three continents, and travelled to three more. She was an avid and critical reader. She loved traveling, playing bridge, horse racing, and political causes. Raised in Oklahoma as a child of the depression, she ventured out and met Helen Keller at a formal reception in Tokyo, Japan, and Ernest Hemingway in a bar in Wyoming. She was equally comfortable with both.

She loved her family. She put her own education on hold until her children graduated - one with PhD from MIT and the other with law degree from OU. She then commuted from Sulphur to the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma and graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. She attained the ranking of Life Master of the American Contract Bridge League.

She was a member of the Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church of Sulphur, before moving to Norman, where she became a devoted member of St. Stephens Methodist Church in Norman, OK.

She was an outspoken Democrat who thoroughly approved of the concept that one should aim "to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable" - When challenged to describe her political philosophy, she once jokingly described herself as a "Conservative anarchist". By turns, she was kind and caustic; loving and critical; generous and demanding. She will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to either The Shepherd of the Hills Church in Sulphur or the St. Stephens Methodist Church in Norman, OK.

Survived by

Son & Daughter-in-law: Frank Gibbard, Jr. & Carolyn of New Hampshire

Daughter: Elaine Howe of Sulphur, OK

Grandchildren: Frank Gibbard III, Mark Daniel Gibbard, Seran Gwen Gibbard

Great Grandchildren: Arianna Gibbard Krudwig, Ericka Gibbard, Scott Gibbard, Audrey Gibbard, Mark Gibbard, Maxwell Gibbard, David Gibbard, Daniel Gibbard, John Gibbard, Rayleigh Gibbard

Brother: Orville Rogers of Dallas, TX

Services will be held Friday April 22, 2016 at 11:00AM at Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church officiated by Dr. Alvin Turner and Rev. Roger Wood.

Burial will be at Oaklawn Cemetery under the direction of DeArman Funeral Home

Online condolences may be sent to www.dearmanfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian
52 Shepherd Hills Rd.
Sulphur, OK 73086
(580) 622-2326

Tribute Wall



“ *Veva Jean Gibbard*

October 05, 2023 at 07:47 PM



“ *What a joy it has been to know her...as an enthusiastic member of the congregation at St. Stephens, a participant in Sacred Journey, and for 2 1/2 years of my residency at Rivermont. Mealttime discussions, local movies, so many little things we enjoyed sharing. Mary Jane*

Mary Jane Shahan - April 22, 2016 at 10:48 AM



“ *Orville C. /Rogers purchased the Lavender & White Mixed Standing Cross for the family of Veva Jean Gibbard.*



Orville C. /Rogers - April 21, 2016 at 02:31 PM



“ *Tom and Julie Clarke, Jeb Boyer and Family, Courtney & Marte purchased the Peach, Orange & White Mixed Fireside Basket for the family of Veva Jean Gibbard.*



Tom and Julie Clarke, Jeb Boyer and Family, Courtney & Marte - April 21, 2016 at 10:24 AM

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“ *The Ward Families: Billie, Gene and Judy purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Veva Jean Gibbard.*



The Ward Families: Billie, Gene and Judy - April 20, 2016 at
07:57 AM