



Eunice Virginia Victria Tuell

October 1, 1916 - January 30, 2015

Eunice Virginia Victria Tuell, 98, of Duncan, Okla., passed from this world Jan. 30, 2015. The matriarch of the Tuell family, three generations were shaped by her strength of character, resilient nature and boundless love. She departed serenely, surrounded by her loving family.

Eunice, the daughter of Carl Lewis Victria and Cora Norvill Victria, was born near Bradley, Okla., on Oct. 1, 1916. She was one of five daughters who grew up on an Oklahoma farm during the Great Depression. She earned a bachelor's degree in education from Central State Teachers College, now the University of Central Oklahoma, in Edmond, Okla., in 1937. Then, in 1939, a mutual friend introduced her to Henry Tuell II, whom she married that July in Tecumseh, Okla. He became her dear friend and companion for the next three quarters of a century.

Eunice was a lifelong educator, teaching seventh-grade geography and science for many years at Tomlinson Junior High School in Lawton, Okla. She believed a good education was the birthright of every child, and the key to a happy and successful life.

Like her mother before her, Eunice was an avid gardener. Upon their retirement in 1977, Eunice and Henry moved to Duncan, where they took great pleasure in transforming their two and a half acres of brambles and

blackjack into a botanical showplace rivalling a state park. Each summer, extended family members, friends and neighbors enjoyed an abundance of tomatoes and okra from their garden. Countless irises, lilies and daffodils that Eunice planted over three decades still rise up in glorious color each spring. In latter days, confined to a wheelchair, she still felt compelled to pause to pull a weed or pick up a fallen twig.

Eunice was preceded in death by Henry, her beloved companion of 74 years; her parents, Carl and Cora Victria; her sisters, Clara Cudd, Mamie Brown, Jean Colvard and Vivian Moellinger; and her son-in-law Robert Salzman. She is survived by her children: Henry Offord Tuell III (and wife Linda) of Red Lodge, Mont.; Carol Tuell Salzman; Tom Tuell (and wife Kathy); Vicki Tuell Lynch (and David Lynch), all of Duncan; grandchildren Christi Vanis Koz, Laura Tuell, Henry Offord Tuell IV, Jessica Jones and Caylin Lynch; and great-grandchildren Grace Koz, Carley Koz, Mae Lizzie Peebles and Caz Marine Barnes.

A brief graveside service will at two o'clock p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, at the family burial plot in Erin Springs Cemetery south of Lindsay, Okla. Funeral arrangements entrusted to B.G. Boydston Funeral Home of Lindsay, Okla. Condolences may be made to the family online at www.boydstonfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

CC

“ *Hank and Linda, our sympathies are with you. May The Lord be you and hold you close during this time.

Love you

Jane and Curtis

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Curtis & Jane Anne Clark - February 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ *Mrs. Tuell was my geography teacher at Tomlinson in the early 60s. She was such a very nice lady and made the subject so interesting. My sincere condolences to your family.*

Pat Dougherty Robinson - February 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *Mrs. Tuell was my Geography teacher in the early 70s. There are few teachers I remember from junior high, but Mrs. Tuell is one I have fond memories of. May God bless your family during this difficult time.*

K Watkins Brennan - February 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *Hank and families-it

was a pleasure to have taught with your Mother at TJHS.She was an out-standing teacher.*

June P.Barnett - February 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM