



## Mildred Rose Pool Ryan

July 9, 1915 - December 22, 2007

Dr. Mildred Rose Pool Ryan passed away December 22, 2007 at the age of 92 from congestive heart failure. She was born on July 9, 1915 in Fairfield, Iowa, the youngest of three children, to William Oscar and Madison Rouse Pool. The family moved to Wynnewood, Oklahoma in 1918. Mildred graduated from Wynnewood High School in 1932 as valedictorian. She attended Park College in Kansas City from 1932 to 1933 and the University of Oklahoma from 1934 to 1940 where she earned a Masters Degree in Science. From 1940 to 1943 she was a Professor of Biology at John Brown University in Arkansas. She then taught high school science at Tallahannee and Wynnewood. She enrolled in Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine as one of the first women to ever attend that medical school and graduated in 1948. She then did her residency and internship in Kansas City. Upon earning her Osteopathic License in 1950 she joined her two brothers and their wives, Gene (Dr. W. E. Pool) and Zella and Ellery (Dr. E. B. Pool) and Rita, in the family practice at the Pool Memorial Hospital in Lindsay. During her career she served as an Osteopath in Alex and Lindsay, Oklahoma and in Tuscon, Arizona during which time she delivered over 1,000 babies! Dr. Pool was honored as the Oklahoma Doctor of the Year in 1991 - the only female doctor to ever receive the award. She was a life member of the Oklahoma and National Osteopathic Associations.

Dr. Pool was preceded in death by her parents William Oscar and Madison

Rouse Pool, her brothers Ellery (E. B.) and Gene (W. E.) and her husband Andrew Ryan.

Dr. Pool is survived by her nephews and nieces including: Dr. William and Harriet Pool of Lindsay, Oklahoma and their daughters Laurie and husband David, Dawna and husband Dorris, Michelle and husband Jerry and Heather and their twelve grandchildren; Dr. Jobe and Jenna Dee Martin of Rockwall, Texas and their daughters Taryn and Mirren; Jake and Jane Pool of Lindsay, Oklahoma and their sons Gene, Russell and Daniel; William and Fran Pool of San Diego, California and their children; and step son Andrew Ryan of Tuscon, Arizona.

She was a strong, intuitive woman who encouraged and inspired others with her wit, wisdom and straight forward advice. Her hobbies included knitting, crocheting, cooking and loving people.

Graveside services will be held Sunday, December 23, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. at Green Hill Cemetery in Lindsay, Oklahoma. Dr. Martin will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of B. G. Boydston Funeral Home in Lindsay, Oklahoma.

The family wants to express their heartfelt thanks and appreciation for those who cared for our Auntie Mildred, especially Glenda Cowden, Lola Mottinger, Rita Liberty, Joy Taylor, the Lindsay EMTs Eric and Zac, the Pauls Valley ER nurse Amanda and Dr. Robberson and Dr. Wescott and all her dear friends whom she considered her family. Sincerely, The Pool Family.

# Tribute Wall

BM

“ Dr. Pool delivered me and served as my doctor most of my childhood. She was a superb caregiver because she truly cared for her patients. My family and I send our thoughts and prayers to her loved ones. Brandy McDonnell

---

**Brandy McDonnell** - January 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ Dr. Pool was certainly a Lindsay icon. My thoughts and prayers to all the family.

---

**Louanne (Ward) Trueblood** - January 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Since the earliest I can remember the Pool family doctors were there for us. Dr. E.B. Pool delivered my first daughter. He was such a kind and caring person. Later I saw Dr. Mildred when she had her office in Alex. Her kindness will always be remembered. My sincerest sympathy to the Pool family in your great loss.

---

**Sharon Nye Russell** - January 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Love flowed from Dr. Mildred to her patients. She was one of a kind. I loved her since I was a little girl. She will so missed by everyone. My prayers and love to all of you.

---

**Beth Adams** - January 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

QA

“ Dr. Pool was my doctor as a teenager. My condolences to her family.

---

**Quatonya Anderson** - January 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Jenna Dee and Family,Dad and I are so sorry for your loss of Dr. Mildred.The family will remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Bernice (Largent) Shipman - December 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Dear Pool family,<br><br>You are in my heart and prayers.

Gwen Sterr - December 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ A sad day.<br><br>We will miss her.<br><br>Andrew, Jr. and family

Andrew Ryan - December 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ She was one of a kind! She gave me lots of helpful advice that I have always appreciated.

JANET JANOUSEK - December 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

IG

“ Jenna Dee and family, I am sorry for your loss and have you all in my thoughts and prayers.

Irene Bell Gragert - December 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Jenna Dee, I'm so sorry for the loss of your loved one. Dr. Mildred cared for everyone in my family at one time or another. She was a wonderful lady and physician and she will be missed. My prayers are with you and your family.

Lanny Smith - December 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Jake, Jane and family,<br><br>I just heard about the loss of Dr. Mildred. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I'll call you later.<br><br>The Archer family

---

**Brian, Connie Archer and family** - December 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ I was so sorry to hear about Dr. Mildred, she had always been there when my kids were growing up, not to mention myself and my husband

---

**Maxne Rogers** - December 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM