



## Ruth Vandale Folsom

January 27, 1928 - September 15, 2000

Ruth Vandale Brown Folsom was born in Lindsay, Oklahoma on January 27, 1928, to parents Mr. and Mrs. David T. Brown. She passed away in her home in Chandler, after a prolonged illness with lung cancer on September 15, 2006.

Vandale, or Dookie as she was known by her family and friends, was a graduate of Lindsay High School and married her high school sweetheart, Bobby Lee Folsom, who was called into military service shortly thereafter, during World War II. After the war ended and with the assistance of the GI Bill of Rights, they furthered their educations at Oklahoma A & M College for one year. Recognizing their calling to become teachers, they moved to Ada, Oklahoma, enrolling at East Central State College.

After enjoying several semesters there, it became financially necessary to talk employment and to drop out of college. To bolster their economic situation, the couple with their young family moved to Arizona, where Bob was employed by the Santa Fe Railway Company in several small towns as station assistant, then he was transferred to Flagstaff after a short time.

After graduation, Vandale and Bob worked as teachers or principals in several Arizona school systems, often in isolated areas as employees of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, teaching Navajo and Hopi Indian children. They were very

much appreciated in those years of teaching and administration. Upon retirement, they moved to Chandler, Oklahoma to be near their dear friends, Dr. and Mrs. Darrell Seelig, whom they had known in earlier years at Farmington, New Mexico.

While in high school, Vandale was a member of Rainbow for Girls, then she followed her mother in later years to become a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was a lifetime member of the First Christian Church of Lindsay.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by her husband Bobby Lee Folsom, Sr., and her sister Mary Zoe Heath. She is survived by her two children, Shirley Christine of Baldrige of Tahlequah, Oklahoma, and Bobby Lee Folsom, Jr. of Vicksburg, MS, two grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and her sister Geneva Heid of Houston, Texas.

Services for Ruth were held September 18, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at Green Hill Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of B. G. Boydston Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall



“ We are so sorry to learn of our cousins death. May God bless and keep each of you. Dookie is now with Aunt Lillie and watching over all of us.<br><br>John and Geraldine

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**John & Geraldine Lister** - September 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM