



Zelda Robberson

April 18, 1915 - September 16, 2005

ZELDA MAE COMBS ROBBERSON passed away peacefully on Friday, September 16, 2005 at Grace Living Center in Norman, Oklahoma.

Zelda was born April 18, 1915, in Roger Mills County near the town of Rankin, Oklahoma, to Sarah Berth Wright Combs and Starley Howard Combs. She grew up on a farm with her older sister Ezell and a younger brother Raymond whom they called "Sonny". Zelda attended Rydon Public Schools where she graduated in 1933 as Salutatorian of her senior class.

Zelda attended Central State Teachers' College in Edmond, Oklahoma., and graduated with degrees in Elementary and Physical Education in 1937. She began her teaching career in Blackwell where she taught from 1937 until 1940. During her time at Central State she met her future husband, Guy, and on June 1, 1941, they were married at the Trinity Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. Together they moved to Keystone where they taught from 1941 until 1943. They then moved to Bixby where they taught from 1943 to 1945. In 1945 Guy entered the Navy and Zelda moved to Elk City to live with her mother while Guy was away. She taught one-half year in Elk City and one-half year in Sayre between 1945 and 1946. Upon Guy's return both moved to Hydro where Guy took an administrative position and Zelda began their family. John Howard Robberson was born July 3, 1947. In 1949 Zelda and Guy moved to Lindsay where they were to remain for the rest of their lives. James

Kent Robberson was born October 28, 1950.

Zelda went back to teaching in Lindsay in 1953. She taught fourth grade from 1953 until 1977 when she retired from teaching with thirty-three years of experience. During her tenure as the "Superintendent's Wife" she won the respect and admiration of her fellow teachers. They praised the gentle, soft spoken person who "never had a bad word to say of anyone". She was recognized by her peers as Teacher of the Year and was likewise recognized as Garvin County Teacher of the Year that same year.

Zelda was a member of the First United Methodist Church where years of service included working for years on the Bereavement Committee providing comfort for those who lost friends and family.

Active in the community. she was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Progressive Study Club, China Painters, and any number of groups who ,", where playing Bridge.

In 1999 after Guy suffered a debilitating stroke. both moved to Norman where they lived until their deaths. Many thanks to the care givers who provided for their needs during their decline

Zelda was preceded in death by her mother Bertha, father Starley Howard, sister Ezell, and brother "Sonny". She is survived by her son John and his wife Lynn, her son Jim and his wife Juhree, grandchildren John Thomas and his wife Amber, James and his wife KeHy. Guy Michael and his wife Mindy, Grant and his fiancée Gwen, Paige; step grandchildren Chase and Lauren Sully. Zelda leaves behind many friends and former students on whom she left an undying impact of kindness, gentleness. and patience.

Tribute Wall

BK

“ Jimmy and John, I just brought up the Boydston site. Here it is Oct. 14th and this is the first I have heard about your Mommy. Oh, I am so very sorry. Your parents were like extended Aunt and Uncle to me and DJ. We loved them both so much. I dread telling Daddy tomorrow. A peace of Daddy died when we lost Guy. It will be just as bad when I tell him about Zelda. Much love, Bonnie lee

Bonnie Foley Kurtz - October 14, 2005 at 01:00 PM

LT

“ Your mom was such a good friend of my Aunt Velma Lou, and I know they are enjoying each other's company now. Sorry to hear of her passing.

Iouanne Ward Trueblood - October 07, 2005 at 01:00 PM

LS

“ John--I was so sorry to hear about the passing of your Mother. She was one of my favorite teachers and a beautiful lady. She's with your Dad, now and both are happier. My prayers are with you and your family.

Lanny Smith - September 27, 2005 at 01:00 PM

BM

“ Dr. Robberson and family,

Sorry to hear about your mom. She was my 4th grade teacher. I remember her as an excellent teacher with a gentle touch. From all of us here at PVGH Lab, our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Bruce Mayhan - September 20, 2005 at 01:00 PM

JK

“ Uncle Jim, Aunt Juhree, Guy, Grant, and Paige. We are so sorry for your loss. She was a wonderful person. If you need anything just give us a call. We love you all.

James and Kristin Kelly - September 19, 2005 at 01:00 PM

RM

“ John, Jim,

So sorry to hear of your Mothers passing, my prayers are with you during your time of sorrow. Mrs Robberson will truly be missed.

Ross Murphy - September 19, 2005 at 01:00 PM