



Helen Duty

September 2, 1920 - May 14, 2014

Helen Lahoma Duty, 93, Hobart

Helen Lahoma Duty, daughter of Byron Dacus and Evelyn (Lyde) Dacus, was born in Foss, Oklahoma on September 2, 1920 and died in Hobart on May 14, 2014. Because of her father's role in public education, Helen moved frequently, attending school in Lake Valley, Goodwill, Stillwater, and Cordell. She graduated from Gotebo High School in 1938.

Following high school she attended Cameron University. After marrying Lonzo Allen Hetherington in 1939, they moved to California where she was residing when he died during World War II in France. After returning to Oklahoma, she attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University and graduated with a degree in education in 1946.

While working as a teacher in Gotebo Public Schools, Helen met Alvin Armistice Duty. They married on October 17, 1947. They made their home in Gotebo where Helen taught the sixth grade for nine years. Along with Everett Osmond, she and Alvin were co-owners of the D&O Locker Plant. After taking full ownership, the name changed to Duty Meats. In January, 1956, the business was moved to Hobart, and became Duty Packers. Upon moving to Hobart, she kept the books, greeted everyone with a smile, always knew their names, and ensured that daily business operations ran smoothly.

Central to her core foundation was her strong love of God and the Church. She was a member of the Hobart Church of Christ, where she worshiped and fellowshiped. She was also a member of the Fortnightly Research Club and

the Alpha Child Study Club. She was a staunch supporter of Hobart High School Athletics and Band programs, where she enjoyed watching her sons and grandchildren. Throughout her life, she maintained an active membership in the Democratic Party.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents, Byron and Evelyn Dacus; her husbands Lonzo Hetherington and Alvin Duty; brother, Delmar Dacus; and sisters Peggy Wampler and Nadine Williams.

Survivors include her sister Bobby Dacus of Gotebo, OK; sons Byron "Sonny" A. Hetherington and Gloria of Duncan, OK; Clark A. Duty and Winona of Hobart, OK; grandchildren Michelle Martin and Ron of Duncan, OK; Marc Hetherington and Tamara of Weatherford, OK; Sonja Baker and Rory of Interlochen, MI; Natalie Duty and Annie Tanenhaus of Madison, WI; Sean Duty and Laura Eldridge of Edmond, OK; great-grandchildren Kelcey and Savannah Martin; Krystin, Dylan and Ryan Hetherington; Aaron and Abigail Baker, and Asher Eldridge.

She will always be remembered for being a loving, warm, and kind daughter, sister, wife, mother, aunt, and grandmother. She had a way of making others feel like she had truly enjoyed the time they had spent together. Helen carried herself with strength, dignity, and grace. She will be thought of often and missed.

Graveside services will be Monday, May 19, 2014 at 2:00 PM at Hobart Rose Cemetery, Hobart, OK with Rev. Bill Coffin officiating under the direction of People's Cooperative Funeral Home, Lone Wolf, OK. Please view and sign the online guestbook at peoplescooperativefuneralhome.com.

Donations may be made to: Westview Boys home in Hollis, OK or Tipton Children's Home in Tipton, OK.

Cemetery Details

Hobart Rose Cemetery

Hobart, OK 73651

Previous Events

Graveside

MAY 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Duty*

October 08, 2023 at 02:10 PM



“ *Helen Duty*

October 04, 2023 at 11:28 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. She was a beautiful, wonderful woman.*

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