



Renetta Small

June 5, 1923 - January 13, 2015

At age 91, long time Bartlesville, Oklahoma resident Renetta Maxine (Randolph) Small passed away on January 13, 2015 at Jane Phillips Medical Center with a vigil of family, Diane Moore of Elder Care and Visiting Angels at her side.

Services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, January 17, 2015 in the Walker-Brown Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor James Biesiadecki officiating. Private interment will be in Memorial Park Cemetery. The family will be receiving friends from 6-8 p.m. Friday, January 16th at the funeral home. Arrangements are under the direction of Walker-Brown Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: Blue Stem Foundation, Auxiliary, 3500 SE Frank Phillips Blvd., Bartlesville, OK 74006.

Renetta was born on June 5, 1923 in Okemah, OK to Leonard and Lucille (Ware) Randolph. After her parents moved to Altus, OK, she attended public school where she was voted Football Queen in 1937 and played the bugle in the Drum and Bugle Corp in High School, graduating in 1941. After graduation, she worked at Altus Army Air Base where she met her future husband. Renetta was transferred to the 4th Ferrying Group in Memphis, TN during the war. Upon returning from the European Theatre, William M. Small landed his plane in Memphis and asked Renetta to marry him, which occurred on October 17, 1945 in Altus, OK. They lived briefly in married student housing at Oklahoma University in Norman while Bill obtained his engineering degree. They then moved to Bartlesville when Bill began work at Phillips Petroleum Company in Research & Development. Renetta loved to read, but her passion was gardening and taking care of her family and home. She was a member of the Good Earth Garden Club, later serving terms as second vice-president, secretary and corresponding secretary of the Bartlesville Council of Garden Clubs. She was a long time member of the First Baptist Church of Bartlesville and volunteered for over forty years at the Jane Phillips Medical Center.

Renetta is survived by her brother Bobby J. Randolph and wife June of Borger, TX; sister Doris J. Thompson of Altus, OK; three sons; William M. Small, Jr. and wife Carolyn of Santa Rosa, CA, Michael R. Small of Bartlesville and R. Scott Small and wife Irina of

Edmond, OK; one daughter, Jan E. and husband Mark Magers of Tulsa, OK. She was blessed with one granddaughter, Jennifer (Magers) and husband Roderick Hands of Oklahoma City, one great grandson Brylon Justin Hands, a niece Debbie and husband Steve Pollakowski of Borger, TX and grandnephew Dr. Darin Chilcote of Amarillo, TX numerous cousins and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, grandson, Justin W. Magers, and grandnephew Bobby Counts. Renetta will be missed by her family and loved ones.

Tribute Wall



“ Posted by Karen Winters from Branson, Missouri

*Dear Cousins/family, Please know we send our sincere sympathy during this difficult time. God Bless, Karen (Stallings) and Greg Winters
01/13/2015 at 10:48pm*

Posted by Patti Evans from San Antonio, Texas

*Michael, So sorry to hear about your Mom. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Patti And Mark Evans
01/14/2015 at 03:35am*

Posted by Sherrell Buchanan from Fort Smith, Arkansas

*Dear Family....Renetta was such a beautiful person both inside and out. I know she will be dearly missed by her family and friends. Please know I send my deepest sympathy. Her cousin, Sherrell Stallings Buchanan
01/14/2015 at 04:17am*

Posted by Mary Ann/Howard Soderquist/Brown from Santa Rosa, California

*Bill and Carolyn and all the family...not having known Renetta personally, but as friends of Bill and Carolyn we understood what a wonderful wife and mother she was from all the stories (and jokes) we heard. Howard and I want you to know how dearly loved you are and how much we know that you will miss your mother. You are in our hearts tonight and always with thoughts for you as you go through this journey together.
01/15/2015 at 07:09am*

Posted by Beverly Milton Endicott from Edmond, Oklahoma

*My deepest sympathies to the family. Renetta was a lovely lady and a dear friend to my mother, Kathryn Ray Milton. May God comfort you all during this difficult time.
01/15/2015 at 03:32pm*

Posted by Scott Peters from Oak Ridge, Tennessee

*Jan, To you and your family I pass along my condolences.
01/16/2015 at 12:48am*

Posted by Pamm Ramsey from Bartlesville, Oklahoma

*I pray for comfort and peace during this time for the family. I meet Renetta 27 years ago while we both volunteered at the hospital. She was such a great lady and ALWAYS had a smile and words of encouragement for me as a young girl. I will never forget her!
01/16/2015 at 05:37pm*

Posted by Lisa Rife from Bartlesville, Oklahoma

It was a true honor and gift to have known Miss Renetta! We loved her quick wit and humor. We loved her jokes. She was a joy and a delight to serve and care for. All of our caregivers loved going to see her and would ask to care for her.

What a true gift to this life she was! We will miss her so very much! We want you as family to know that you have been and will be in our prayers. p.s....Miss Caroline, you love the obit! :-)

01/17/2015 at 12:24am

Posted by Scot George from Midwest City, Oklahoma

Dear Small Family, I send you my condolences and to celebrate Renetta's life. She was an exceptional woman and I knew her to be a very kind lady. I have the highest regard for her love of life and dedication to church and family. Please know how sad it was to hear that she had passed. I can't say that I knew her well, but whenever there was an opportunity that brought us together, she always made me feel truly welcome in her presence. I hope your heart will find peace in fond remembrances of your mother. With my sincerest warm sympathies Scot

01/22/2015 at 12:20am

Carter Davis - January 14, 2019 at 02:07 PM