

Mildred Clinton Grant

Mildred Clinton Grant, 96, died of pneumonia on March 6, 2010, in Norman, Oklahoma. Mildred Ilain Clinton was born in Ida, Oklahoma in 1913. She married the love of her life, Calvin T. Grant, on December 24, 1937 in Ada, Oklahoma. They made their home in several states during the war, finally landing in Norman, Oklahoma, in 1954, where they made their permanent home.

Mildred was preceded in death by her parents, Louis B. Clinton and Katie Alma Talley Clinton Tate, her brother, W. Ray Clinton, and her beloved husband, Calvin T. Grant.

Survivors include her three daughters and their husbands: Carolyn and Keith Golden; Kathryn and Michael Maxie; and Merry and Jon Voeller. In addition she has six grandchildren: Aaron (and Courtney) Maxie; Kristina (and Johnnie) Martin; Evan (and Rose) Maxie; Jessica Golden; Patrick Voeller; and Brittany Voeller; plus three great-grandchildren, Kayla Diamond, Atom Martin, and baby Maxie due to arrive in May. Mildred also leaves sisters-in-law, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Mildred was a long-time member of the First Baptist Church in Norman. She was an active member and officer in Sunday School Class, WMU, Family Life Center, Sewing Club, Garden Club, Homemakers' Club, several school PTAs, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, the West Junior High and Norman High Band Parents' Associations, Lions Club Auxiliary, and OU Dames. A two-time breast cancer survivor herself, she visited women in the hospital after surgery. She loved supporting and serving others in many roles.

Mildred was filled with creativity. Through the years, many Christmas crafts were made with love for family and friends. She loved to make ceramics in her "Grant's Playhouse." She had many molds and a kiln that heated up the house often. She was a skilled seamstress, making most of her three daughters' clothing - from doll clothes to wedding dresses. She also made the occasional sport coat and ties for Cal. She crocheted numerous afghans and baby sweater sets, and taught many people how to crochet. After she became an "empty nester" in the mid 1970's, Mildred took up oil painting, studying with Vickie Runge, Bill Alexander, and others. She loved painting landscapes – beautiful mountains, lakes and flowers. It was a special treat for her to share her love of painting with each of her six grandchildren as they painted the landscape of their choice together.

With her gift of hospitality, she provided an open and welcoming home that was always available for family, friends and relatives to congregate and enjoy a wonderful meal prepared with love. She was a wonderful mother, wife, daughter, sister, and friend. Her love spilled over to others who were in need of food, encouragement, a home away from home, and when asked, a word of advice. Due to her many years and life experiences, she was filled with insight and wisdom – always delivered with love, respect and usually a smile. Mildred was an inspiration to all who knew her and she will be greatly missed.

A Celebration of Mildred's Life is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 26 at McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church in Norman. All are invited to wear bright colors to commemorate her love of creation. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Among Friends Activity Center for Disabled Adults, 1121 East Main St., Norman, OK, 73071. You can also make donations to the Norman Regional Hospital Foundation (earmarked for the Labyrinth in Mildred's Memory), 901 N. Porter Ave., Norman, OK, 73071, or to your favorite charity.