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Evelyn Anne McWilliams (Anne) passed away peacefully on November 10, 2016 at the age of 96. She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Dora Stillwell, her sister Phyllis Jean (Stillwell) Prokop, and her husband Charles Augustus McWilliams. She was born on October 26, 1920 at the family farm in Weleetka, Oklahoma. Mrs. McWilliams graduated from Weleetka High School in 1938 playing the piano and cello which provided scholarship money for her college education. She went on to earn her bachelor's degree in 1942 from the University of Oklahoma. Following graduation on May 30, 1943, she married Charles A. McWilliams II just shortly before he joined the U.S. Navy; completed basic training and entered Naval officer training at Notre Dame. During the war she taught business and English courses in Weleetka. Mrs. McWilliams and her late husband, Charles A., were residents of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma since 1952 where they owned and published the Broken Arrow Ledger, Tulsa Southside Times, Bixby Bulletin, and the Jenks Journal. She worked as editor of the Southside Times and was known for her weekly column, "The Last Word." Mrs. McWilliams was the first person in her family to graduate from high school and achieve a university degree. She always believed that "to educate is to empower". She proved to be a vibrant leader for many years of service on the Board of Regents of Tulsa Community College. Mrs. McWilliams, an accomplished student of the Bible, was a charter member at Arrow Heights Baptist Church where she served in various capacities. In more recent years she attended First Baptist Church Tulsa where she played the piano for her Sunday School class, even into her nineties. She supported multiple organizations including the Broken Arrow Historical Society Museum, Tulsa Community College, Baptist Orphans Home, and the University of Oklahoma. Education was a primary value for Mrs. McWilliams. She traveled the United States and world extensively, including trips to Europe, Israel, China, and Mexico. She encouraged her children to pursue the



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highest levels of education in their respective fields. They heeded her guidance by earning terminal degrees in medicine, law, and educational research. She was very proud of her 4 children's educational accomplishments. Survivors include her 4 children, Dr. Greg McWilliams, Dr. Charles A. McWilliams (Cindy), Dr. Jean Ann Foley (Gary Cole), and Mr. Scott McWilliams, J.D.; her six grandchildren, Aaron McWilliams (Elizabeth), Meredith Bollinger (John), Molly Hey (Brandon), Heidi McWilliams, Mykaila DeLesDernier (Matt), and Zachary McWilliams; and nine great grandchildren, Cate, Annie, Jill, Alice, Mack, Lucy, Cora, Hattie, and Elodie. Mrs. McWilliams' generosity, voice of reason, and unconditional love will be greatly missed by her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and dear friends. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children, 3800 N. May Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73112. Funeral Services are scheduled for Saturday, November 19, 12:30 p.m. at Floral Haven Funeral Chapel. A reception from 2 – 4 p.m. will follow at the Family Center on the Floral Haven grounds. Visitation will be held Friday, November 18, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Floral Haven Funeral Home.



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LS

Lillie Stafford posted:

Greg, Charles, Jean Ann and Scott I am so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. She and your Dad in Nov. of 1963 hired me on at the Broken Arrow Ledger started me on a new career in the Newspaper business that lasted for 51 and half years. To them I am very grateful. They showed me all that I needed to know about the Newspaper business. I retired from the BA Ledger April 30, 2015. Your Mother was a very sweet and kind lady to me. I am so thankful that I was a part of her life. God bless and comfort at this time. Lillie Stafford

November 18 at 3:09 PM

MP

Marcella Pense posted:

Greg, Charles, Jean Ann and Scott, I have nothing but very fond memories of your amazing Mother. She was such an outstanding lady in every sense of the word, and one whom I looked up to throughout my life. She was beautiful, inside and out, and was so intelligent, compassionate, and such a dynamic Christian. She and your Dad did quite an amazing job raising the four of you to become the successes in life that you are. They were no doubt very proud of all of you, as you must be of them too. It hurts to say goodbye to our parents on this old earth, but we can rest assured that as Christians we will see them again some day, and never have to tell them goodbye again. Our love, sympathy and prayers got out to each of you and your families. Marcella Pense, and Elmer

November 13 at 5:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Evelyn by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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