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Mary L. Ward died peacefully September 9, 2014 at her residence, The Oklahoma Methodist Manor, Tulsa, Oklahoma. A memorial service will be held at Boston Avenue United Methodist Church at 1:00 PM Saturday, September 13, with Rev. Dr. Bill Tankersley officiating. Burial will be private at Floral Haven Cemetery, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Mary was born September 30, 1919, to the late Ed and Lelia Andrews Barrett in Heber Springs, Arkansas. Her brother, Howard, predeceased her in 1993. Mary earned a BA Degree in Humanities from Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas, in 1941. She and Charles L. Ward were married November 1, 1942. The couple lived in Durant and Poteau, Oklahoma, where Charles was a newspaper editor. In 1959 the Wards moved to Washington, D.C., where Charles served almost 30 years as Administrative Assistant to Congressman Carl Albert and to Senator David Boren. Mary was active in many areas of Washington life. Upon retirement in 1988 the Wards relocated to Tulsa and became active in Boston Avenue United Methodist Church where they were leaders in many programs. In 1998 the couple was awarded the Woodrow B. Seals Laity Award presented by the Perkins School of Theology, SMU, and Dallas, TX. Mary continued activities in the church and the community after Charles' death in December 1999. Suggested memorials for Mary Ward: Youth Ministry or Redemption Ministry, Boston Avenue United Methodist Church, 1301 South Boston Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74119. Mary is survived by her nieces, Anne Barrett Chamlee (Tilmon) Milledgeville, GA, and Phyllis Barrett Brown (Ron), Sun City Center, FL; great niece Katherine Chamlee, Natchez, MS; great nephew Alan Barrett Chamlee and his daughter, Meghan, of Macon, GA; Ward niece Jackie Bradley of Pleasant Hill, CA, and her children Casey, Toby, Erin and Patrick; many other relatives and friends, including long-time friends Virginia Gray of Tulsa, Emma Richardson and Linda Pierce of Texas.



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PB

Patsy Brown posted:

I will always remember Mary and Charlie as dear friends who always reached out to others. Mary was a sweet spirit and her memory will always be dear.

September 13 at 9:16 AM

VS

Virginia Stanley posted:

My friendship with Mary began at CampEgan the summer of 1957. Mary was Dean of Girls and I was a youth director from Hugo FUMC. After marriage,we moved to Poteau where they had been so involved with the Poteau FUMC,although they had moved. We kept in touch and when we visited Washington D.C. 1977 with our daughters,they spent three days of showing us the sites and having us to their apt. for dinner and taking us to their church. When they would be in Poteau we had them to our home. I was honored to be invited to Mary's 80th Birthday celebration and drove four of Mary's friends to Tulsa. We continued to correspond and my last visit was a year ago in her apt. at the Manor. Mary was such an inspiration to me and I thank God for her beautiful life and allowing me to be her friend. I can only imagine the reunion Mary & Charlie had in Heaven. Virginia Stanley 14901 N. Penn.Ave. Apt.206 OKCITY,OK 73134

September 13 at 7:18 AM

KL

Ken Levit posted:

Mary and her husband Charlie were wonderful friends and mentors when I worked as a young staffer for Senator Boren and his wife, Molly. A couple years ago, I had the chance to drive with Mary to a birthday party for David Boren at his house west of Norman. We spend 4 lovely hours together going to and from that party. I will always cherish that time together. — Ken Levit

September 13 at 3:24 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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