



## Helen Grace Chumley

July 28, 1929 - January 20, 2016

Helen Grace McNeal Chumley, age 86, born July 28, 1929, in Tulsa, Oklahoma to Vesta Rhoades McNeal and Glen Everette McNeal, passed January 20, 2016. Helen was the second of three children, older brother Carl and younger sister Margie. The family moved to Illinois for a short time but eventually came back to Tulsa. She was working at the Crown Drug Store Soda Fountain where she met the love of her life, Joe Chumley, just home from serving in the Marines. They married in January 1947. They raised two daughters. Helen and Joe had a lot of fun. Joe and Helen celebrated almost 69 years together. Joe passed from this life December 28, 2015. They had been apart only 23 days, but are together again with the Lord. Joe and Helen ~ Helen and Joe. Their names became almost one word. A young couple raising two daughters or, were the daughters raising Helen and Joe? she was always the youngest mother at the PTA meetings. Helen always cared about her looks and appearance. There were always extra kids around. Everyone just got folded in. Somehow there was always enough food and enough beds to sleep in. Helen loved to go to the fair and ride the rides, the higher the better, that is until she took a ride in a tornado. After that Helen never wanted to ride the rides. She was never quite the same. Helen did not work out of the home until the girls were in high school. She then, began working with material, making draperies for J.C. Penneys and Ken Sasser Draperies. She was very talented and sewed most of the girls' dresses, including prom dresses. One of her favorite scriptures, Psalm 30:4-5, "Sing to the Lord, you saints of his; praise his holy name. For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoice comes in the morning." NIV She will be dearly missed by sister Margie Hembree; daughter Cindy Shook and husband Gary, daughter Sandy Blaho and husband, Tom; grandchildren Brian Blaho, Jamy Tucker, Christine Hughes; great-grandchildren Andrew, Grace, Josh, and Lilly Tucker and Xander and Zoe Hughes. Visitation will be held 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday, January 21, 2016, at the Floral Haven Funeral Home Visitation Room, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. A celebration of life service will be held 11:00 a.m., Saturday, January 23, 2016, Rose Chapel, Floral Haven Funeral Home, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

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