

*Celebrating the Life of*



*Allie B. Ritchey*

ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2007, ALLIE B RITCHEY, 89, OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, RE-JOINED HER FAMILY IN HEAVEN. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH IN NORMAN. A CELEBRATION OF HER LIFE WAS HELD AT 2PM MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5 AT FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD UNDER THE DIRECTION OF HAVENBROOK FUNERAL HOME WITH THE REV SHAWN REIDY AND THE REV LAVONN D. BROWN OFFICIATING. INTERMENT FOLLOWED AT THE IOOF CEMETERY IN NORMAN.

ALLIE WAS BORN FEBRUARY 6, 1917, IN BALLINGER (RUNNELS COUNTY), TEXAS, TO THE LATE JOHN ISAAC WILEY HILL AND EFFIE CLEOPHUS PRESLEY HILL. SHE WAS RAISED AROUND LONE STAR AND MOSLEY COMMUNITIES IN RED RIVER COUNTY, TEXAS, AND ATTENDED FULBRIGHT HIGH SCHOOL.

SHE GRADUATED FROM NEILSON BEAUTY COLLEGE IN 1941 IN DALLAS, TEXAS. ALLIE ENLISTED IN THE ARMY AIR CORPS DURING WORLD WAR II AND WAS STATIONED AT EGLIN FIELD, FLORIDA UNTIL BEING TRANSFERRED TO ENGLAND WHERE SHE REMAINED UNTIL THE WAR ENDED.

RANK OF SERGEANT. SHE RETURNED TO DALLAS, TEXAS, AFTER THE WAR WHERE SHE ATTENDED DRAUGHON'S BUSINESS SCHOOL.

IN 1949 SHE MOVED TO GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, WHERE SHE RAISED HER THREE DAUGHTERS. SHE WAS EMPLOYED BY GRAND PRAIRIE ISD, IRVING COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, TARRANT COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, THE ARMY-AIR FORCE EXCHANGE AND DILLARD'S. SHE RETIRED AND MOVED TO NORMAN, OKLAHOMA IN 1987.

SHE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER PARENTS; DAUGHTER, CAROL JANE PHILLIPS KIRKPATRICK; HUSBAND, DAVID E. RITCHEY; BROTHER, J. S. HILL; SISTERS ALMA NAN PARTNEY, FRANCES ELIZABETH TRAVILLION, AND EFFIE CLEOPHUS BURNS; AND GRANDSONS MARCUS DEAN HIGDON JR. AND JOHN WILEY KIRKPATRICK.

SHE IS SURVIVED BY DAUGHTERS AND SONS-IN-LAW VICKI AND A.E. SMALLWOOD, LITTLE AXE, OKLAHOMA; LYNDY AND TOMMY THOMPSON, CANTON, TEXAS; SON-IN-LAW RON KIRKPATRICK AND HIS WIFE KAREN OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA; GRANDCHILDREN KERI CHEEK, RON KIRKPATRICK II, JOHNNY JOHNSON, TERI WALKER, KELLY KIRKPATRICK, TRACI THOMPSON, TONYA SMALLWOOD, AND ALISHA WHEAT; SEVEN GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, SEVERAL NIECES AND NEPHEWS, AND A HOST OF FRIENDS.

PALLBEARERS WILL BE JAY NEWBERRY, RON KIRKPATRICK II, SYED REHMAN, MICHAEL WHEAT, CHRIS CHEEK, JEFF ABBOTT AND JOE CHARLES. HONORARY PALLBEARERS WILL BE THE MEMBERS OF THE FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD SENIOR CITIZENS GROUP.