



Marjorie Constance Decker (February 2, 1919 - October 30, 2011)

Marjorie Constance Reese Decker, 92, former Ponca City resident and long time employee of The Ponca City News died Oct. 30, 2011, in Montgomery County Texas. Affectionately know as "Marge," she was the religion editor and librarian for The News, retiring in August 2000. She had been employed at the The News for 31 years beginning in 1969.

The service will be 10 a.m., Friday at Grace Episcopal Church, with Father Kenneth Armstrong officiating. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Trout Funeral Home and Crematory.

Marge was born Feb. 2, 1919 in Fort Smith, Ark., to John and Hazel Reese. She spent most of her childhood in Muskogee. She was married to Howard C. Decker on May 25, 1940. The couple moved to Okmulgee in 1948, where she and Howard raised their two children, David and Laura.

She was editor of the Okmulgee County News for 15 years. She was a member of the Okmulgee Library Board and First Baptist Church. Marge and Howard moved to Ponca City in 1969. In addition to working at The News, she volunteered for Help Line. She was a member of the Board of Directors of Golden Villa Adult Day Care Center, and a Communicant of Grace Episcopal Church, Preschool Sunday School Teacher, Altar Guild, Vestry and choir.

Marge enjoyed reading, crocheting, cats and people. Following her retirement she moved to Montgomery, Texas, where she became an active participant in St. James Apostle Episcopal Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, Howard C. Decker, her parents John and Hazel Reese, brothers, Robert Reese and Bill Reese and a sister Helen Wright.

Survivors include children Laura E. Lehman and husband, Don of Montgomery, Texas, David C. Decker and wife, Lucinda of Brandon, Oregon; and grandchildren Jason Decker and wife, Tara; Gabriel Decker; Shelby Lowell and husband, Steve; Shana Robisch and husband, Brett; John Lehman and wife, Misti; great-grandchildren, Rory Decker, Clayton, Adam, Emma and Audrey Lowell; Savannah, Brendan, Bryce and Jacob Robisch, Zoe and Mackenzi Lehman. Brothers, James Reese and wife, Marie of Broken Arrow; Glen Reese, Oklahoma City; Rosie Reese, sister-in-law of Muskogee.

Casketbearers are Stan Bivin, Jim Emig, Tom Muchmore, Clark Brown, Bill Winterrowd and Reid Carmack.

In Lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to Christian Education at Grace Episcopal Church, 109 North Thirteenth Street.