



Mary Jean Easterling

August 7, 1928 - January 13, 2018

Mary Jean Ratliff Easterling, 89, of Fort Cobb passed away on Saturday, January 13, 2018 in Lawton, Oklahoma. She was born on August 7, 1928, the third daughter to Thomas Frank and Mary "Maggie" Wilson Ratliff southwest of Fort Cobb, Oklahoma near the South Pioneer School on Gawkey Creek. She attended grade school at South Pioneer School. Her family moved to Eastern Oklahoma and she graduated the 8th grade from Big Cabin School. They moved back to Fort Cobb and she graduated from Fort Cobb High School in 1946. She continued her education at Oklahoma College for Women in Chickasha, Oklahoma and graduated with a degree in home economics in December, 1949. She taught home economics for a year and a half at Sand Springs before returning to Fort Cobb to marry Leonard Easterling on July 4, 1951. To this union one child, Lucy, was born. He preceded her in death on December 25, 1991. In 1956 Mary Jean went to work as a Home Economist with Oklahoma State Extension Service. She worked in Hobart and Lawton before she was placed close to home in Anadarko. Mary Jean retired from Oklahoma State Extension Service in January 1988 after 32 years. She was a very active member of the Fort Cobb Improvement Club. For many years she hauled water and watered the barrels on Fort Cobb's Main Street. She served in all of the offices of the Garden Club and also served as Southwest District Garden Club Treasurer for several terms. She loved being a part of Lawton Book and Play Review. She and Leonard delighted in going to basketball games and collecting. Marcella

Stockton was a very special friend. They roomed together in college and ate breakfast together every Friday morning. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law: Mary Lucille "Lucy" and Danny Clinton of Carnegie, OK. Her grandson, Jason Clinton and his wife, Jamie, of Fort Cobb, OK; her granddaughter, Amy and her husband Kris Leck, of Kingfisher, OK. Her very special great-grandchildren, Sicily and Cale that always delighted her. Her sisters; Frankie Conrad and her husband, Paul of Canyon Lake, TX.; Wanda King, Yukon, OK; Norma Harris and her husband, A.C, of Hobart, OK and her only brother, Tom Ratliff, Fort Cobb, OK and his wife, Sue, who she considered a "sister". She was blessed with a very special sister-in-law, Yvonne "Tommye" Fatheree, Vacaville, CA. She was a very close friend although they lived mostly far apart. She is also survived by twenty one nieces and nephews. Funeral Services: 1:00 P.M., Wednesday, January 17, 2018 Oak Grove Cemetery, Fort Cobb, OK Services under the direction of Fort Cobb Funeral Home, Fort Cobb, Oklahoma. Messages of condolences may be sent to the family at www.smithfuneralservices.com

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mary Jean was a one of a kind gal. You always knew where you stood with her. And now she is reunited with her beloved Leonard. Looking down admiring their handy work.....their wonderful Mary Lucille. It was honor and my pleasure to know her and I am a better man for it. Marylu, may your memories always give you comfort. RIP sweet lady.*

Daniel George Hansen Jr. - January 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Lucy, I am praying for you faithfully. I know how close you were to your Mother and that you are going to miss her very much. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to call. I am thankful that you and your Mother were blessed not only to be Mother and Daughter but also Best Friends Forever. Cherish you memories! I love you!!!*

Beverly Whitworth - January 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM