



Thelma Lee Stacy

December 31, 1932 - December 19, 2021

Thelma Lee Stacy (Boydston), known as "Pepe" to her grandchildren and great grandchildren, was called home to Jesus on December 19, 2021 after a short illness and a life well-lived. She was born at home in Washita, Oklahoma December 31st, 1932. She was the third of five children born into the loving family of John Calvin Boydston and Clara Hazel Boydston (Meek). Thelma loved her parents and siblings very much, and enjoyed sharing stories of her childhood with her children and grandchildren. As a child, she learned to play the piano and earned a prestigious music scholarship to Oklahoma City University. While at OCU, she met and fell in love with Donald "Don" Spencer Stacy. The two were married on August 5th, 1952 and went on to celebrate 67 years of marriage. Shortly before marrying, Don had joined the Marines. The couple moved to Oak Knoll Naval base in Oakland, California. After Don completed his service, they moved to Muskogee, Oklahoma and later to Oklahoma City. Upon returning to Oklahoma, Thelma earned her BS in mathematics from Oklahoma College for Women (now called University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma) in Chickasha, OK and then began work as a programmer with the Federal Aviation Administration in Oklahoma City. While working, she obtained a Master's degree from Oklahoma State University and was an adjunct professor at the OSU extension in OKC. Thelma enjoyed a successful career with the FAA until her retirement. Thelma and Don had two children, Alan Lloyd Stacy and Karalea Kay (Stacy) Knox. Together, they visited family in Washita almost every weekend. Thelma and Don were very

involved with their church, Cherokee Hills Church of Christ, where Don served as a deacon and music leader. During retirement, Thelma and Don enjoyed driving their RV to British Columbia, where they fished for salmon and enjoyed nature. Later, they acquired a second home in Mercedes, Texas and enjoyed going south during winters. Thelma and Don made many wonderful memories on these trips and met many friends whom they kept in touch with over the years. Thelma accomplished much professionally and personally. Her grandchildren have many fond memories of trips taken together and fun times spent at her home, including Christmas Eves when she played Christmas carols on the piano while singing with them. She loved to bake and always had cookies and cakes to share with grandchildren and other visitors. Thelma is survived by her son, Alan Lloyd Stacy, his wife Risa and their children: Barbara (Stacy) Kline and husband Adam, John Stacy and wife Kayla; daughter, Karalea Kay (Stacy) Knox, her husband Joel and their two children: Jacob Knox and Lorelea Ray, 11 great-grandchildren, her sisters-in-law Alice Lynn Boydston and Bobbye Louise Stacy and many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, John Calvin Boydston and Clara Hazel Boydston, sister Dorothy Louise Boydston, brother Calvin Boydston and wife Myrtle, brother John Boydston, brother Olen Boydston and wife Pat, and by her loving husband of 67 years, Don Stacy. Thelma was a beautiful person who leaves behind a legacy of love and strength. Her family celebrates the gift of her life and rejoices thinking about the family reunion she is having in Heaven. "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised." Job 1:21 "But we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope." Thessalonians 4:13 Her funeral will be on December 29th, 2021 at Smith Funeral Home in Anadarko, OK. 301 SW Oklahoma Avenue. Thelma will be laid to rest at Memory Lane Cemetery in Anadarko with her parents and siblings. All who knew and loved her are welcome. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.smithfuneralservices.com