



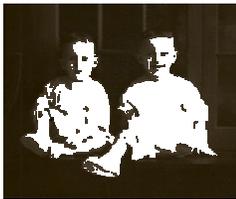
A lasting memorial has been given to
Spirit of Hope Church
in memory of
Ruby Lehl

June 11, 1918 - September 6, 2013

Ruby cherished the unique relationship she had with a tremendous circle of extended family and friends through her love of letter writing.



Ruby Louise Reid and her twin Ruth were born in Alva, Oklahoma, on June 11, 1918, the tenth and eleventh children of Noah and Blanche Reid. Very early in life she experienced the death of her sister when they were five. Her mother died when she was nine. When she was 14, Ruby's aunt and husband invited her to live with them in Denver. Of her living siblings, only brothers were still at home. She graduated from West High School in Denver in 1936, attended secretarial training, and worked for her uncle's brother as a secretary. During a visit home in the summer of 1938, she was serving the harvest crew in the kitchen, where she met and fell in love with Elvest, the love of her life. They married in 1939 and their first child, Bill, was born in 1940.



They moved to Wichita to find work, and Carolyn was born in 1942. In 1943, the same year Dan was born, they bought the house on Newell Street where they lived for more than sixty years. During those years the following children were born: Anita, in 1946; Ella, 1948; Randy, 1952; Monte, 1954; and Bradley, 1955.



Ruby and Elvest loved their neighborhood dearly, but because of health issues, they moved to Park West Plaza. After Elvest died in 2007, Ruby moved to Vintage Park, where she made many friends, both residents and staff, who became a second family to her.



It was her tremendous faith in Jesus and her lifelong church experiences that helped her survive the death of her two sons, Bill at the age of 60, and Dan at the age of 47. In spite of her own terrific pain, she was the strength of her family.



Ruby always had a passion for family history. After her family had grown, she had the time to do genealogical research that culminated in the creation of books on both Elvest's and her families. Ruby served in her community as room mother, PTA, Sunday school teacher, prayer Chain caller and missionary society. She was a member of First Church of the Nazarene for over forty years. Over the years Ruby experienced the joy of her eight children, her 22 grandchildren, and her 44 great

grandchildren. She made each one think he or she was her favorite.

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