

# PHYLLIS AUDREY EASTON MEDLEN

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**1924-2008**

MISSOURI: Phyllis Audrey Easton Medlen died on April 6, 2008 at Autumn Oaks Care Center in Mountain Grove, Missouri, following a long illness. She was 83 years of age.

Phyllis was the last surviving child of four children, born December 21, 1924 to Horace and Lyda Hyatt Easton in Pacific Grove, California.

Her young life was molded by the experiences of growing up in Indian Valley on her grandfather's homesteaded parcel in isolated and rugged west central California, and also by the death of her mother at age 5.

Phyllis was lovingly reared in her Aunt Helen Emery's home, where first cousins became like brothers and sister to her.

Phyllis graduated from Salinas High School in 1943, and after business school training and employment, eventually left California to work for Brown and Root Construction Co., in Alaska. It was there that she met the love of her life, Thomas Medlen of Bridgeport, Tx. They were married in December of 1951, and enjoyed living in Jamaica, Panama (while Tom worked on the Canal), and then in Sevilla, Spain, where their son, Peter Medlen, was born in 1956.

Tom's employment and business opportunities took the family to Tulsa, Ok., and then to Lake Vallecito, Co., before they moved to the Paradise/Bridgeport, Tx., area in the '60s. Calling this home for the next 40 years, Phyllis worked at Meyers Insurance Agency and as secretary of First Presbyterian Church in Bridgeport. She loved time with her family and friends, her home, her yard, music, a good book in the evening, and especially her church. With reluctance but her usual good nature and optimism, she left Texas in 2002 to join Peter's family in Mountain Grove. During the final years of life her gentle spirit and hearty laugh were still present.

Phyllis is remembered by all who knew her for her boundless energy, her kindness and generosity, and an ever present smile.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas, and son, Peter. She is survived by a daughter and her husband, Barbara and Gene Thacker of Vacaville, Ca., along with their sons, Kevin, Todd, and Craig Thacker; one son, Tom Medlen of Rio Vista, Ca.; two daughters-in-law, Lynn Medlen of Arlington, Tx., and Jane Medlen of Mountain Grove, Mo. She is also survived by two grandchildren, Robert and Emma Medlen of Mountain Grove.

A memorial service was held in Bridgeport, on Saturday, May 24, 2:00 pm, at the First Presbyterian Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, or the Al-zheimers Association.

*Craig-Hurt Funeral Home  
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