

## **Mada Lavina King | 1924-2016**

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Mada Lavina King, 92, of Boyd, died Saturday, July 2, 2016, in Decatur.

Funeral is 11 a.m. Thursday, July 7, at Laurel Land Funeral Home Chapel of the Chimes, 7100 Crowley Rd., in Fort Worth.

Visitation is one hour before the funeral.

Mada was born May 9, 1924, in Fort Worth to James Everett and Maggie May Pope. She was the youngest of five children and a 1941 graduate of Polytechnic High School in Fort Worth.

Mada held many jobs over the years, including working at Worth Cotton Mills, the telephone company and the Montgomery Ward catalog department. She was also office nurse for Dr. Howard Ditto and Dr. Henry Benner. She retired to Alba in 1981 and moved to Boyd in 2014 to be closer to family.

Mada married Harvey Wilkins King Jr. Nov. 9, 1941, in Emory. Together they raised five children while living in Fort Worth. She was a vivacious and loving Christian woman.

In 1956, Mada and her family were members of Vickery Boulevard Church of Christ and were an instrumental part of the founding of Christ's Haven for Children in Keller. Mada was a longtime member of the Alba Church of Christ and more recently, the Boyd Church of Christ.

She was a member of Polytechnic 420 Order of the Eastern Star and an Auxiliary of the VFW. She was a beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother. Mada was known as Grandma to her grandchildren, and by her own choice, as Crazy Grandma to the younger generations.

She never missed anyone's birthday or an opportunity to gather with family. Mada enjoyed playing cards, other games and loved going to the boat. She was an animal lover and always had dogs.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; brother Raymon Pope; sisters Lillian Ardoyno, Iris Hunter and Vivian Douglas; sons Harvey James King and Richard King; and daughter Bonny King.

Mada is survived by her daughters, Carol Reed and husband, Terry, of Jacksboro and Nancy Johnson and husband, Gary Don, of Decatur; grandsons Robert Reed and wife, Brenda, of Weatherford and Tim Reed and wife, Amanda, of Boyd; granddaughters Christy Peebles and husband, Mark, of Houston, Kelly Guerrero and husband, Zeke, of Azle and Misty Pena and husband, Paul, of North Richland Hills; 12 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to the Christ's Haven for Children, 4200 Keller-Haslet Road, Keller, TX 76244, or to a charity of your choice.