

# McMurtrey, Margaret Ann (Vermillion) | 1918-2017

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Margaret Ann McMurtrey

Margaret Ann McMurtrey, 98, of Oklahoma City died Thursday, Sept. 14, 2017, after a brief illness.

Graveside service is 10 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 19, at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens under the direction of Chapel Hill Funeral Home in Oklahoma City.

Visitation is 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Margaret was born Nov. 3, 1918, in Decatur to William Edward and Minnie Eula (Mote) Vermillion. She grew up in Alvord and O'Donnell. She graduated from O'Donnell High School and Wayland Baptist College. Margaret married her high school sweetheart, Milford McMurtrey, in October 1937, and they established a home in Brownwood, where their first child was born in 1939.

During World War II, while her husband was serving overseas in the U.S. Army Air Forces, she worked as a bookkeeper in Albuquerque, N.M., and O'Donnell. After her husband's return in December 1945, his career with the Texas Department of Public Safety and Employers Casualty Co. of Dallas took them to Abilene, Lubbock, Fort Worth, Freeport, Wichita Falls and Oklahoma City, with Margaret also working as an Avon representative and church secretary to help her children with high school and college expenses while maintaining the family home.

The couple retired in 1982 and in retirement became volunteers at Bethany Hospital while spending leisure time traveling, bird watching and playing bridge with friends. Since 2005, they resided at Baptist Village in Oklahoma City and following his death in 2008, she remained an active member of the Baptist Village community until her health began to decline.

Margaret will be remembered for her smile, her sense of humor, her love of music, her excellent cooking, her uncanny skills at bridge and 42, and the love, support and encouragement she gave her children.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a daughter; a brother; and four sisters.

Margaret is survived by her son, James Michael and wife, Linda, of Carrollton; daughter Kathleen Duhamel and husband, Tom, of Arvada, Colo.; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to Baptist Village of Oklahoma City or to Golden Age Hospice.