



Grace D. Estes

May 12, 1912 - February 7, 2010

Grace D. (nee Taylor) Estes, age 97, of Glen Carbon, IL., formerly of Lawton, Oklahoma, died Sunday, February 7, 2010, at Eden Retirement Center in Glen Carbon, IL.

She was born May 12, 1912, in Edgewood, TX., the daughter of James and Edna (nee Crane) Taylor.

She was a member of Lawton Heights Methodist Church, Lawton, OK, (served on the Board of Stewards); American Legion Post #5273-Ladies Auxiliary, Lawton, OK (Past President); VFW - Ladies Auxiliary, Lawton, OK.

Born and raised in Edgewood, Texas. Graduated from Edgewood High School in 1930 (w/ 28 students). Then worked for a cafe, later worked for the new cafe, west of Edgewood. March 18, 1937 her husband died in a car accident. Four years later she remarried. A year later they moved to Fort Sill, Oklahoma; they lived there for 13 years and then moved to Lawton, OK. She worked for over 12 years at the Jefferson Elementary School, Lawton, and 2 years on the Fort Sill Army Post. In October of 1992 she moved to Edwardsville, IL.

Survivors include Son-Jimmy D. (wife-Jodie) Couch of Edwardsville, Ill., Daughter-Priscilla J. "P.J." Estes of Walker, Calif., two Grandsons-Clifton A.

Couch of Highland, Ill., and Kendall B. Couch of Edwardsville, Ill., three Great Grandchildren-Clifton J. \"CJ\" Couch, Amanda E. Couch and Jacob T. Couch all of Highland, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her Father-James Adolphus Taylor, Mother-Edna Pearl (nee Crane) Taylor, 1st Husband-Jesse Mercer Couch (died 3/18/1937), 2nd Husband-James Robert \"J.R.\" Estes, US Army Retired (died 7/7/1984), Sister-Allene E. Murdock; Brothers-James A. Taylor, Royce Taylor and Doyce Taylor; Brother In-law-Wyman Murdock; and Sister In-law-Nell Taylor.