



Patricia S. Yates

July 18, 1931 - August 17, 2005

Patricia S. Yates, 74, of Highland died Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2005, at Highland Health Care Center.

A private service will be held at a later date. Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Ms. Yates was born July 18, 1931, in Dallas, Texas, to William S. and Dixie L. (Scudder) McLaughlin.

She grew up in Dallas and was a 1950 graduate of Texas Woman's University where she received a bachelor's degree in microbiology magna cum laude. She worked in cancer research microbiology for several years before switching to health care microbiology. She was a single mother raising eight children. Pat, as she was known to her friends, went back to college and received her master's degree in microbiology from the University of Iowa in 1982. A true original in thinking and personality, her best and most prized achievement was her children. The biggest delight in her life was her grandchildren. We will miss you, mama.

She is survived by four sons, Wiley G. Yates of Missouri, Eddie R. Yates of Ames, Iowa, Thomas R. Yates of Ames, Iowa and Eli J. Yates of Highland; four daughters, Laura B. Lampe of Highland, Patricia S. "Patty" (Thomas R.)

Beckman of Highland, Martha L. (Lewis) Terveen of Highland and Alys E. (Brad) Bomia of Wheatland, Iowa; two sisters, Alys Frasier of Athens, Texas, and Martha Soloman of Auburn, Ala.; two brothers, William Smith (Doris) McLaughlin of Houston, Texas and Richard McLaughlin of Dallas, Texas; 13 grandchildren, Traci Yates, Jennifer Yates, Wesley Yates, Maryssa Beckman, Lauren Beckman, Crystal Beckman, Ryan Terveen, Amber Terveen, Ashley Terveen, Brooke Bomia, Traci Bomia and Jacob Bomia.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Laura Shimborg, and a grandchild, Matthew Yates.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.