



Essie Faye Sharp

December 20, 1923 - January 24, 2015

Essie Faye (Ray) Sharp

Essie Faye (Ray) Sharp, age 91, a long-time Bartlesville resident and member of East Cross United Methodist Church passed on to heaven January 24, 2015.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, January 31, 2015, at 10:00 AM at the Memorial Park Cemetery in Bartlesville, followed by a memorial service at 11:00 AM at East Cross United Methodist Church, 820 Madison Blvd.

Essie was born to Rufus (Dock) and Maud Etta (Morgan) Ray on December 20, 1923, near Paden, Oklahoma, where she lived on a farm and was educated in the public schools. She valued her large caring family very much. After attending Draughn Business College in Oklahoma City and working for more than a year for the War Department in Washington, D.C during WW II, she attended Oklahoma A & M College where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics.

While working in the Legal Department of Phillips Petroleum Company in Bartlesville, Oklahoma; she met and married Howard Raymond Sharp on April 6, 1952. Howard was also employed by Phillips Petroleum Company as a Mechanical Design Engineer. They were blessed with three children. He preceded her in death in 1996.

Essie constantly busied herself caring for her family and doing volunteer work at her church, the Concern Child Learning Center, the public school system, the Mutual Girls Club, and the Tuesday House.

She is survived by two brothers, Glen Ray and Wayne Ray; by her children: Joan Spears and husband Charlie of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Alan Sharp and wife Susan of Cleveland, Ohio; and Sally Likens and husband Stan of Bartlesville. Survivors also include grandchildren Daeva Blacc Spears, Matthew Spears, Andrea Proctor, Danielle Wheeler, Katherine Snitzer, and Philip Likens. Also surviving Essie are fifteen great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, six sisters; including her identical twin Bess K. Newmaster, six brothers and her husband.

Those who wish may make contributions to Essie's favorite charities: East Cross United Methodist Church, 820 Madison Boulevard, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, 74006 and MUTUAL Girls Club, ATTN: Penny Meadows, PO Box 2405, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, 74005.

Arrangements are under the direction of Stumpff Funeral Home. Friends who wish may sign the online guestbook and leave condolences at www.stumpff.org.

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“ *The Staff at Stumpff Funeral Home wishes to express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends. We hope that everyone shares a favorite memory and that this memorial brings the life experiences shared with Essie to her family and friends.*

Stumpff Funeral Home - January 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Dear family,
Wendy and I would like to express our deepest condolences at the loss of Aunt Es. We all know she is comfortable and happy with her extended family in heaven. Peace be with you all, Christopher*

Christopher & Wendy Levy - January 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM