



Hazel Marjorie Corbett

September 9, 1924

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Hazel Marjorie Gates Corbett, 90, died at The Journey Home in Bartlesville, OK surrounded by her family on October 22, 2014. A memorial service will be held at Stumpff Funeral Home and Crematory on Friday, 10/31/14 at 2:00 p.m.

Marj was born September 9, 1924 in Comanche County near Coldwater, KS to Victor E. Gates and Hazel D. Henderson Gates. She had one sibling, a younger brother, Victor Eugene Gates. She was raised on a farm that produced wheat and cattle and had a lifelong connection to this way of life. Marj was a Football Homecoming Queen at Coldwater High School where she graduated in 1942. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Music from Emporia State Teacher's College in Emporia, KS in 1946 and then began her teaching career. After a brief time teaching third grade at Bluestem Grade School in Dewey, OK, she began teaching vocal music also in Dewey until she retired in 1984. One year she was named Dewey Teacher of the Year. She made many friends with her fellow teachers as well as her students.

Marj married Robert “Bob” Harold Corbett on August 18, 1946. They had 2 sons, Steven T. Corbett and Michael K. Corbett and one daughter, Debra A. Corbett Saltzman. Early in their married life, Bob and Marj moved frequently as Bob was in sales. In 1956, they settled in Bartlesville, OK where they spent the remainder of their lives. Marj enjoyed playing bridge having belonged to the same club since the 1950’s. She was a member of the Pilot Club of Dewey and sang soprano for many years with the Sweet Adelines of Bartlesville. After retirement, she and Bob enjoyed many travels including to Australia, Alaska, and Spain and many extended trips to Yellowstone National Park and to Padre Island, TX. She was always ready to take a trip or a drive. She volunteered with the Mozart Music Festival, was a member of the Red Hats Society of Bartlesville and a member of the Good Shepard Presbyterian Church of Bartlesville.

Marj was a lover of music of all kinds. Her kids have fond memories of her always being accepting of their music of the times and of her and Bob enjoying dancing to Big Band music. She had a young and eager spirit always being up for an adventure. She was an avid reader frequently saying, “I’ll be fine if I can just stick my nose in a book.” Marj had a gracious generosity to the many students she taught. Since her death, her family has been told of many of her kind acts.

In addition to her husband, Marj was preceded in death by her parents and brother. She is survived by her three children: Steve Corbett of Bartlesville, OK; Mike Corbett and his wife, Linda of Bartlesville, OK and Debbie Saltzman

and her husband, David of Norman, OK. She is also survived by grandchildren and great grandchildren: David Corbett and his wife, Tina of Moore, OK and their children Aaron, Meghan, Adam, and McKenzie; Emily Corbett Perez and her husband Alex of Long Beach, CA; Steven Warehime and his wife Shannon of Bartlesville, OK and their children Kaitlyn and Jakob Warehime; and Levi Corbett and his wife, Amanda of Albuquerque, NM. She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Valerie Gates, and nephews, Chan Gates and Randall Gates and niece, Rhonda Blinne; and their families.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Journey Home, 3406 SE Kentucky, Bartlesville, OK 74006.

Friends who wish may sign the online guest book and leave condolences at www.stumpff.org.

Tribute Wall



“ *Hazel Marjorie Corbett*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Hazel Marjorie Corbett*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. She was a very delightful lady. May God give comfort and strength.*

Jeanne Foreman Hubbard - November 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *She was my favorite teacher. I have fond memories of her and how she impacted my life. She was an amazing delightful woman. She had a way of bringing out the best in her students. I graduated in 1974 and will always remember her.*

Janet Miller Newkirk - October 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mike and Linda, Marj was always a special person, once as a teacher and then later in life as a friend. I know the memories will help you get through this.*

Jean

Jean Kimbrel - October 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MZ

“ My prayers to Mrs. Corbett's family. She was my 3rd grade teacher at Bluestem Elementary in Dewey, Ok. Always liked her as a teacher and person, really nice. She also taught music to my class and another class I was in. She was pleasant to be around.

mary mason van zant - October 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ I have many fond memories of Marj from my years in Dewey schools. She was one of our most beloved teachers, and she left a permanently positive imprint on so many lives. She will be dearly missed, but what an inspiration her life was! Condolences to the Corbett family ...

Linda Sholl Brown - October 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Mrs. Corbeett, as we called her, was one of my favorite teachers. She was a wonderful, talented woman.

Cassie Norwood Hayes - October 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Marj through her vivacious granddaughter Emily on one of her solo travels to LA. Seeing the two of them together made me realize that the Corbett clan is a special family. Spending time with Marj and Emily together is like getting hit with lightning (in the best way possible). Afterwards you feel so alive and energized you are not sure if life will ever be the same. While we don't have very many thunderstorms here in California, every time lightning strikes I will know Marj is behind the scenes causing trouble.

Bridget Duffy - October 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Encouraging, patient, loving teacher & friend. Lots of great memories. My favorite teacher.
Thank you for everything Mrs. Corbett.*

James Mason - October 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *thank you for being my music teacher while i was in school Mrs. Corbett! r.i.p.!*

Douglas Eugene Morris - October 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Rest in Paradise.*

Laura Carter - October 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Mrs. Corbett was my favorite teacher who not only was a great choir teacher but also cared about her students. She made a big difference in my life. I always think of her fondly on my wedding anniversary because August 18th was also her wedding anniversary.*

Lora Wade Watson - October 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *I've known Marge since I can remember. She was our music instructor at Dewey starting in grade school. My grandmother, Elsie Wilson was a dear friend of Marge and took care of you kids when you were little. She had some funny stories to tell about that! In later years, Marge would come in my store and I would love to visit and catch up with her. She was one sweet lady and will be truly missed.*

Pam Balentine - October 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *I have good memories of Mrs. Corbett, one of my favorite elementary school teachers.*

Cliff Morrison - October 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ *Such a wonderful lady, teacher and friend to my mom and family. She will be missed. I had her as a teacher and my mom taught with her at the time.*

SallyDancer Johnson - October 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ *Marge was a wonderful woman. She meant the world to my mother and we loved her dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this most difficult time.*

LeAnn Eckert - October 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *We are sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and in our prayers.*

Carl and Rita

Rita Cunningham - October 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *Mrs Corbett was my 3rd grade teacher in 1960 and she never once forgot any of her students at Dewey that I know of. She was always a special teacher in my life and she never gave up on trying to teach us to sing even when it made her cringe. Prayers to her family, she was one special woman.*

Karen Thompson Sparks - October 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM