



Margaret Lee Thorpe

February 4, 1930 - June 15, 2014

Mrs. Margaret Lee Thorpe

Mrs. Margaret Lee Thorpe, 84, of Bartlesville, died at 4:31 P.M. on Sunday, June 15, 2014 at the Jane Phillips Medical Center. Funeral services will be held at 2 P.M. on Thursday, June 19, 2014 at the Dewey United Methodist Church with Rev. Tari Carbaugh and Pastor Dale Durnell officiating. Interment will be in the Dewey Cemetery directed by the Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory. Casket escorts will be her grandchildren Matthew Allen Foster, Michael Andrew Foster, Christopher Don Elliott and Amanda Lee Elliott. The family requests that memorial donations be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Mrs. Thorpe was born at Bartlesville, Oklahoma on February 4, 1930 the daughter of Ivy Myrtle (Carter) and Walter Lee Gandy. She grew up and received her education in Dewey where she graduated from Dewey High School in 1947. She attended college for one year at College High in Bartlesville then attended Oklahoma A & M in Stillwater. She was a member of Delta Zeta Sorority and active in the drama department. Upon completion of her Bachelor's Degree, she started her teaching career in Shidler, Oklahoma where she taught four years. She then taught one year at the Lakeview Country School. She taught two and a half years in Tulsa then 23 years in the Dewey School System until her retirement in 1986.

She met her husband, Merle Don Thorpe, in the second grade at Lakeview Country School west of Dewey. They were married at the People's Church in

the YWCA building in Bartlesville on July 30, 1955. They lived in Tulsa for five years and moved to Bartlesville in 1960, then to Dewey in 1973. In 1984 they returned to Bartlesville to make their home. Mr. and Mrs. Thorpe spent time traveling between south Texas, Bartlesville and Creede, Colorado where they had a summer home. She was a member of the Dewey United Methodist Church, Kappa Kappa Iota (a Professional Teacher's Fraternity) and the Oklahoma Retired Teacher's Association. She also had an avid interest in antiques.

Mrs. Thorpe is survived by her husband, Merle Don Thorpe of the home, two daughters, Ivy Kim Thorpe of Tulsa, Margo Elliott and her husband Jim Elliott of Bartlesville and four grandchildren, Matthew Allen Foster, Michael Andrew Foster, Christopher Don Elliott and Amanda Lee Elliott. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Alma Ayling. Friends who wish may sign the online guest book and leave condolences at www.stumpff.org.

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Tribute Wall

MG

“ I just found out about Mrs. Thorpe's passing when I visited my dad at Christmas. My family loved it when your family came to visit us in Tulsa so Mom and Mrs. Thorpe could attend the theater together. We also loved our time when we would visit you and get to take long hikes in the wood and explore nature. I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Thorpe will be missed! She was a very loving, kind, and fun person.

Mary Kim Gray - January 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ I remember Mrs. Thorpe's 7th grade English class better than I remember some of the things I'm supposed to know now. She was very good to me, and liked my Treasure Island project. She leaves a big hole in the Dewey Community and an immeasurable void for her family.

Susan Daniel - June 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Mrs. Thrope was one of my favorite teachers and a very kind woman. Will always remember her with fond memories.

Judy

Judy Mckinley Burns - June 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Mrs Thorpe will be missed by everyone that she touched the hearts of. May she be at peace.

Mike & Carol McCarty - June 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“Margaret was one lovely lady, an outstanding teacher and my dear friend at Dewey Junior High Dale and I are sad with you and send our love.

Jo Ann Caldwell

Jo Ann Caldwell - June 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SH

“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 Margaret to the family and friends.

Stumpff Funeral Home - June 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM