

## JOY ELIZABETH CARAWAY

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Joy Elizabeth Mecaskey Caraway, 76, a retired homemaker and business woman, died December 18, in Decatur.

Joy was born in January of 1931, to Barney and Mary Alma Gose Mecaskey in San Jon, New Mexico. Joy's family roots were in Wise County. She was a descendent of the Gose family which settled in Wise County in the 1850s. Joy graduated from Decatur High School in 1947, and attended Decatur Baptist College for two years.

In 1949, she married Cody M. Caraway and was married 57 years at the time of Cody's death in June of 2007. Joy and Cody had one child, Angela who was born in 1959. Both Joy and Cody were devoted and loving parents.

Joy was blessed with a beautiful voice. She used her talent to sing at countless weddings and funerals. When she was not singing and caring for others, she worked for various attorneys and

title companies in Decatur and Wise County, and was considered an expert as an abstractor in the land title business.

She was known for her love and determination to care for relatives and friends who were ill and in need of help. She was the one that the family could count on to be at their side when help was needed the most. Joy continued to care for her family and friends, even when she was battling her own illness.

Survivors include her daughter, Angela Smith and husband Brock of Decatur; grandsons; Cody Mac Smith of Decatur and Russell Smith of Lubbock; brother, Raymond Mecaskey of Panhandle, Texas; and brother, Art Mecaskey of Garland. She was preceded in death by her sister Mary Pine.

Joy was a member of the O.E.S. for over 50 years. Joy was a life long member of the First United Methodist Church in Decatur and it was her wish that in lieu of flowers that memorials be given to the First United Methodist Church Kitchen Fund or Meals on Wheels of Decatur, Texas.

Funeral services are at 2:00 p.m. Saturday at the Coker-Hawkins Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Tommy Brumett and Rev. Johnny Irish officiating.

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