

RUTH ELLA LEA

1916-2009

CHICO: Ruth Ella Lea, 92, died Saturday April 4.

Ruth was born October 10, 1916 at 3418 Avenue G, in historic Polytechnic section of Fort Worth.

Her father Eugene Scott Lea from Mississippi was a telegrapher for the Rock Island Railroad in Bridgeport, Texas. There he met Hazel Lee Ward, a school teacher in Bridgeport. Hazel's father owned the A.D. Ward Drug Store.

Ruth Lea had three sisters: Irma Lea McDonald of California, Beth Lea Clardy at Fort Worth artist, and surviving sister Nancy Lea Vance of Mansfield.

Few people knew that Ruth could play the piano by ear. She also enjoyed gardening and her favorite activity was being with her nieces and nephews: Ann Ekstrom of Fort Worth; Gwen Sylvester of Maine; John and Kathy Clardy of Fort Worth; Gene and Gayle Vance of New Mexico; Sharon and Tommy Tabor of Mansfield; Clifton, Becky, Vance of Fort Worth and her extended family; John II and Britt Clardy of Fort Worth; Andrea Tabor of Waco; Amanda, Keith, and Ben Boettger of Mansfield; Tony, Nicolas and Cara Vance of Fort Worth.

Graveside services were held at 11am Thursday at Chico Cemetery in Chico, Texas.

Shannon Rose Hill Funeral Chapel

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