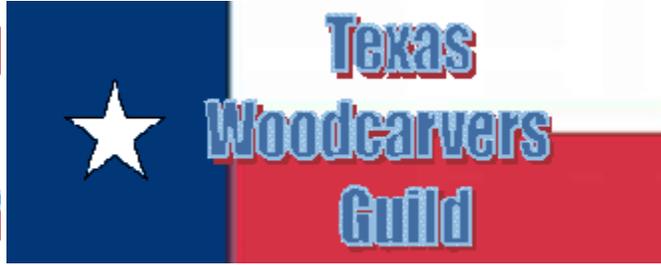


**Woodcarve in
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Gloria Garrett

January 15, 1925 - July 24, 2014

Gloria passed away Thursday, July 24, 2014, in Cleburne. She was born Jan.

15, 1925, in Fort Worth, Texas, to Joseph and Lura Johnston Echols. She graduated from Poly High in Fort Worth in 1942. She received her B.A. in journalism from Texas State College for Women (now Texas Woman's University) in 1947.

She worked as a Camp Fire executive in Lawton, Okla., until she met the man of her dreams, Ralph Garrett. They were married March 4, 1951. They moved from a family farm in Hood County to Sand Flat, Texas, in 1952, where Ralph still resides.

Gloria spent her life loving people, especially children. After a few years of homemaking at 1707 N. Robinson St. in Cleburne, she returned to college at TCU to get her teacher's certification. She taught at Friendship School for two years, and then later she started teaching at Adams Elementary in Cleburne, where she retired in 1988 after 25 years. She was very active in Camp Fire at many levels and was an integral part of its programs.

First Christian Church was blessed with her loving talents as well. She served as a Sunday school teacher, choir director, deaconess and elder. In her retirement years, she and Ralph traveled, enjoyed their grandchildren, and Gloria took up quilting and embroidery. We have lost count of the many quilts and tea towels her loving hands have bestowed on others.

Gloria is survived by her husband of 63 years, Ralph M. Garrett Sr. of Sand Flat, and their children, Judy and Clint McMahon, Jill and Barry Goodgion, Sybil Fisher and Ralph and Kim Garrett; and grandchildren, Jenny and Brad Andrews, Shawn and Meagan McMahon, Casey and Elysha Goodgion, Amanda and Craig Gilbreath, Matthew Fisher, Dianna and Cody Bagnall, Morgan, Pipa and Madison Fisher, Katie Garrett and Jordan Garrett. There are also 10 amazing great-grandchildren that have brightened their worlds. Beloved nieces and nephews and cousins also contribute to the wonderful family circle our Father has blessed us with.

We will always cherish the memory of this precious woman who lived out her faith daily in her unconditional love and acceptance of all whom she met. May her example endure for generations to come.