

MAURINE VAN METER RANN

1912-2009

DECATUR: Maurine Van Meter Rann, 97, died Wednesday, December 23, 2009 in Decatur.

Maurine was born March 20, 1912 in Rhome, Texas and was the youngest of four children born to Archibald B. and Stella Shaw Van Meter. She graduated from Decatur High School and received a bachelor's degree from what is now Texas Woman's University where her step-mother, Allie B. Chambers Van Meter, and two sisters had graduated.

In 1937, Maurine married G. C. (Cleo) Rann and one child, Suzanne Zemmin, was born to this union. They first lived in Chico where Cleo was Superintendent of Schools before returning to Decatur and living on the family farm. Maurine was a teacher at Decatur Elementary School where her husband was principal. The Rann Elementary School was named in recognition of the couple's long and outstanding service to education.

Maurine became a member of D.A.R. and did extensive research on her family's genealogy, resulting in the publishing of

her book, *Our Van Meter Kinsmen – 1662-1969*. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Decatur for 79 years and was active in Wesleyans. Maurine belonged to Delta Kappa Gamma and Wise County Retired Teachers. She was also a 30 year volunteer at the local hospital, and when she was unable to work, she contributed generously to the Wise Regional Health Center.

Maurine was preceded in death by her daughter, husband, sisters, Merle Renshaw and Sue Johannes, and brother, Harold Van Meter.

Survivors include grandsons, Michael and Craig Zemmin; son-in-law, Roger Zemmin; great-granddaughters, Rachael and Anna; brother, arch Van Meter; and nephews, Wayne Renshaw, Larry Renshaw, M.D., Harold Michael, John, David and Philip Van Meter.

Family requests memorials be made to First United Methodist Church, Wise Regional Health Center or a favorite charity.

Funeral service was held 2 p.m. Sunday at the First United Methodist Church with Reverend Johnny Irish officiating. Burial followed service in Oaklawn Cemetery

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