Ranft, Emma Kathryn Smith | 1915-2012

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Emma Kathryn Smith Ranft

Emma Kathryn Smith Ranft, 97, a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, died Monday, Dec. 31, 2012.

Services were Jan. 3 at White's Funeral Home in Mineral Wells, with burial in McAdams Cemetery at Possum Kingdom Lake. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Possum Kingdom Lake Fire and EMS department, P.O. Box 343, Graford, TX 76449.

Kathryn was born Oct. 11, 1915, in Dallas County to Merit and Mora Smith and was a longtime resident of Possum Kingdom Lake.

She was a self-employed businesswoman and homemaker and loved to quilt and embroider. Kathryn has received many awards including Citizen of the Year and several awards from the Possum Kingdom Lake Fire and EMS Departments. She was a lifetime member of the Eastern Star and also served as an election judge.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Pat; sons Daniel and James; daughter-inlaw Patsy; four sisters and five brothers.

Survivors include her son, Tom Ranft and wife, Diana, of Possum Kingdom Lake; daughter Judy Lewis and husband, Jim, of Krum; nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren and one step-great-great-grandchild.