



Willingham, Erna Una Henderson

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Erna Una Willingham, 90, of Boyd, went to be with our Lord Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019, in Boyd.

Funeral service is 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at Hawkins Funeral Home in Boyd with interment to follow at Boyd Cemetery.

Family will receive friends 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Erna was born Feb. 23, 1928, to Robert D. and Jimmie Carson

Henderson in Joplin. Erna graduated from Jacksboro High School and

then Ogle Beauty School in 1945. She was united in marriage to Orval Lynch Willingham in 1947 and settled in Boyd. Erna owned and operated her own beauty shop in Boyd for over 20 years before retiring with her husband in 1988. She was active with her family and community. Erna loved to paint, garden, sew, make crafts and watch the Texas Rangers and Dallas Mavericks. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, daughter and friend and will be missed by many. She was preceded in death by her husband, Orval Willingham; son Dr. Rick Willingham; brother Bob Dee Henderson; sister Ruth Franks; and her parents.

Those left behind to cherish her memory are her daughter, Judy Russell and husband Robert A. Jr., of Boyd; grandchildren Alexis Willingham, Kate Tsai, Megan Russell, Victoria McCall, Callie Willingham and Robert C. Russell; great-grandchildren Alyssa, Nolan, Samantha, Jackson, Madison, Ethan, Carson and Dorothy; and numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

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