



Towles, Gladys (Carter)

1925-2021

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Memorial service for Gladys Towles, 96, of Decatur is 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, at the First Baptist Church in Decatur.

Gladys was born July 23, 1925, in Cleburne to J.D. and Lillian Carter. As a youngster in school, she played basketball, volleyball and tennis. She got her degree at Texas Tech University in Lubbock and taught school before working for the Federal Housing Authority.

When they moved to Amarillo, she began working for the Bureau of Reclamation. There she met Robert Towles, her husband of almost 34 years. At the age of 55 Bob taught her how to ride a bike, swim and snow ski. They went on many ski trips. They were always on the go and enjoyed cruising, as well. Gladys loved to cook. She was known for her famous apple pie, peach cobbler and homemade waffles. If the great-grandkids were coming and she knew, she baked brownies and cobbler! She also loved to make dolls, sew, quilt, read, crochet and knit. Her most recent endeavor was crocheting 17 afghan throws for

family members and friends. She was an avid gardener and loved all of her flowers, especially roses.

Gladys lost her wonderful husband, Bob, in 2016, and that brought about the move to Decatur to be near her kids. She was also preceded in death by her son, Larry Gnepper in August 2021, as well as sisters Mozelle and Eunice and brothers Virgil and Duane.

Gladys is survived by her children, Debby Murphy and husband, Pat; Terry Gnepper and wife, Karen; Larry's wife, Debbie Gnepper; Jane Fleischer; and Judy Musgrove and husband, Jeff.

She had 10 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. She loved all kids. Every place she lived, the kids would find Bob and Gladys and make fast friends with them!

Gladys also loved her church — First Baptist of Decatur. Dr. David Lowrie was very special to her.

Memorial contributions may be made to FBC-Decatur or the nonprofit organization, Freedom Reins Ranch, 7500 County Road 254, Clyde, TX 79510.