



## Wilma Rebecca Farris

January 17, 1922 - October 17, 2017

'WILMA REBECCA DUNAWAY FARRIS was born in Haskell, Oklahoma on January 17, 1922 and died October 17, 2017. Her parents were The Rev. Marshall Dunaway and Dorothy Mae Smith Dunaway and her brothers were Paul Dow Dunaway and Marshall Dunaway. She married Bluford Miller Farris of Okmulgee, Oklahoma and together they raised 3 children; Dorothy Jean Farris Fuller, Austin, Texas, Theresa Gail Farris Dial, Pocatello, Idaho and Gary Don Farris, Owasso, Oklahoma. She was raised on a 40-acre farm near Haskell where her father was a Baptist minister in the church. She learned how to play the piano so she could go to the revivals where her father preached and played the hymns. At age 14, her beloved father died from extremely high blood pressure and her mother was left to raise all the children on the 40-acre farm. When the boys left for WWII, she stayed with her mother and moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma to find work at various jobs such as running a laundry! She found work at Guy Settle Jewelry Store in downtown Tulsa and also worked during the war for Spartan Aircraft Company where she was a riveter. She met Bluford there and they got married and set up a home in north Tulsa. The twins were born in 1947 and Gary was born in 1958 in Lawton, Oklahoma. As the children left for college and careers, she and Bluford were together for years in Owasso until he passed in 2003. At that time she decided to stop driving and fulfilled her dream of living at the Oklahoma Baptist Village when she became a widow. Many years were spent happily in Sycamore Residence Hall until recently when she moved to Evergreen Nursing Center, which is a component of the Village. She enjoyed and appreciated the loving care and attention she was given by the staff. She was a long time member of First Baptist Church, Owasso and went as much as she could traveling on the bus supplied by the church. She truly loved the church with all its activities and services. Her husband, Bluford, preceded her in death as well as her brothers and cousins. She was the last member of the Dunaway family. She is survived by Jean Farris Fuller and George, Susan Fuller and Allison Rempfer; Theresa Gail Dial and Tom, Gary Don Farris, Rebecca Larson and niece, Sabrina Dunaway and nephews, Marshall and Jeffrey Dunaway. Her memorial service will be held Wednesday, October 25 at 1 p.m. in the Chapel at Mowery Funeral Service, Owasso. Her favorite charities which she supported were First Baptist Church, Owasso and Oklahoma Baptist Village Children's Orphanage. Arrangements and services were

entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso. <http://www.moweryfs.com>';

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**Jeff Dunaway** - October 25, 2017 at 06:10 PM

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“ 'Lovely mother, musician, teacher, creative, and strict! Thank you for giving guidance to me . It paid off! Love, jean'

**Jean Farris Fuller** - October 22, 2017 at 04:06 PM