



## Suzanne Adrienne Montandon Riggs

September 11, 1929 - June 25, 2016

' Suzanne Andrienne Montandon Riggs, resident of Owasso passed from this life on Saturday evening, June 25, 2016, at the age of 86. Suzanne was born September 11, 1929, in Paris, France, to Charles and Angele (Dayre) Montandon. She was raised and received her education in France, receiving her teaching certificate from the Ecole Lycee. Suzanne was a "war bride," coming to the United States shortly before her marriage to Elton A. Riggs on February 1, 1947, in Midland, Texas. Following their marriage, they made their home in Midland before moving to Lubbock, Texas, living most of her life there before coming to Owasso in 2013. Elton preceded her in death on August 26, 2014. While in Lubbock, Suzanne was an active member of the First Assembly of God Church and Woodlake Assembly in Tulsa after moving to Owasso. She became a citizen of the United States in 1969. Suzanne was passionate about oil painting, crocheting, crafts and shopping; however, her greatest passion was teaching. She was a French teacher at St. Christopher's/All Saints Episcopal School of Lubbock for 33 years where she was affectionately known as "Madame." Those that survive and hold many cherished memories are her children: Larry Riggs and wife Shirley of Dothan, Alabama, Betty Riggs-Gute of Plano, Texas, Eddie Riggs and wife Cindy of Owasso, Denise Riggs-Hawk and husband Alan of Alcoa, Tennessee, and Yvette Riggs-Stucks and husband Bryce of Oklahoma City; nine grandchildren: Michelle, Tony, Andy, Grace, Kristi, Cassie, Aaron, Lysie and Zach; 14 great grandchildren; and sister Paulette Montandon. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, brother Henry Montandon, and great granddaughter Audry Diana Riggs. Visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 28, 2016, at Mowery Funeral Service in Owasso. Her funeral will be held 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 29, 2016, at the Mowery Funeral Service Chapel with Pastor Tom Lakey officiating. She will be laid to rest next to her husband in the Graceland Memorial Park Cemetery in Owasso. The family has requested that those wanting to honor her memory, can make contributions in her name to The Baptist Village of Owasso, 7410 North 127th East Avenue, Owasso, OK 74055. Services have been entrusted to the Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso. [www.moweryfs.com](http://www.moweryfs.com)'

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am truly sorry to hear of the passing of Madame. I had Madame as a French teacher for a number of years at All Saints Episcopal School in Lubbock and still to this day can recall her passion and excitement about teaching both the language and the culture. At first she seemed to be an imposing presence in the classroom but all the fear and nervousness immediately dissipated when you saw her treating every child as if they were family. I smiled as I read that she had 9 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren; I'd like to think that she was practicing on me and my classmates for the joy of those 23 grandchildren. I'd like to share two quick stories about Madame so that her family/friends will be reminded of her great contributions:  
First, our oldest daughter is enrolled at All Saints Episcopal School in Lubbock (the same school where I was taught by Madame) and her little sister will join when she's old enough. When the oldest started the second grade she asked about m'

Nathan Harvey - June 30, 2016 at 04:07 PM

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“ Roy and I wish to express our deepest condolences to my friend Denise, and Alan, and to the rest of the Riggs family. May our Creator's great love surround you and comfort you all. '

SUSAN KERSEY - June 29, 2016 at 09:41 AM

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“ Denise, You and yours are in our thoughts and prayers. "Be their God who comforts them as they're going through their struggles, and bring them through the tough things ahead. Come alongside them in their pain, and strengthen them so they'll one day be able to help others who face the same struggles."

Andrew Coffey - June 28, 2016 at 06:37 PM

JM

“ Larry, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. '

Joe Moore - June 28, 2016 at 12:28 PM

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“ *'Our prayers & deepest condolences to your family.\r\nThe Lord bless you and keep you. May his face shine upon you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-25'*

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**Tina Aramayo** - June 27, 2016 at 01:54 PM