

Lucille Mallett Lucille (Ensminger) Mallett was born July 5, 1917 in the township of Salt Spring, Greenwood County, Kansas, at home, which was five miles northeast of Fall River. Her parents, Cassius Morton and Lola Eglantine (Jones) Ensminger, and Lucy's older brother, J.R., were just starting out in a life full of hard work, strong family values, and good times as a farm family. When Lucille was about two years old the family moved to Harrah, Oklahoma and later to the Flat Rock area north of Wagoner. After a number of years the family of six, with two new brothers, C.M and Jack, settled in the "home place" started by the Ensminger grandparents. Lucille grew up in a time when she walked or rode a horse to school and school wasn't always top priority. But, she managed to share a room in town with her friend, another farm girl, so they could finish high school, which she did at age 16. There was enough money for her to attend one semester of college at what was then Northeastern College in Tahlequah before she had to leave to go to work. Her first job was as a maid in Tulsa until a position opened up at the Agriculture and Stabilization Office, located in the building which is now Wagoner City Hall, from which she retired after twenty-five years. She married early on and had a daughter, JoAnna Ruth (McCabe) Hamilton. Lucille worked hard to provide for JoAnna and herself when times were tough. Following World War II, Floyd Raymond Mallett moved to town where his parents were managing the Green Funeral Home for an out of town owner. They met on a blind date, and were married after a short courtship. To this marriage was born Lucy's second daughter, Mary Jane (Mallett) Whisnant. Lucy and Floyd worked side by side and enjoyed leisure time playing cards with friends or dancing, which both enjoyed immensely. In 1949 Lucille, Floyd and his parents purchased the funeral home, now Mallett Funeral Home and Crematory, and the family has been running it ever since. After Floyd died in 1976, some were skeptical that a woman could handle the business

operation, but Lucille did so and with great success. She dearly loved meeting with families and helping them through a difficult time. She was a woman of great kindness, generosity and compassion. Her family was gifted with a great legacy of how to live an awesome life. Throughout her lifetime Lucille was very involved with her home church, First Christian of Wagoner. She served in many capacities, whether as youth counselor, board chairman, building committee, or construction liaison for the new sanctuary, and later the new fellowship hall. She was always a big supporter of youthful activities, by sponsoring ball teams, the Junior Livestock Shows, or anything that would boost the youth in her community. She was president of the Wagoner Chamber of Commerce, the first woman to receive the Paul Harris Fellowship in the nation for Rotary, and a member of the Wagoner Area Neighbors Board and the Wagoner Industrial Committee. She was a longtime supporter of the Porter Lions Club and Porter Peach Festival. Her civic activities would be too numerous to mention, but suffice it to say she was a believer in Wagoner and surrounding areas and the bright future in store for her hometown. Lucille's family will always remember her amazing energy and skills in providing for her family. She was a prime example of Proverbs 31, "who can find a virtuous woman" Her days were long and busy, but she always was excited to see what each new day would bring. She put others needs before her own and was always proud of her family's accomplishments, both large and small. One special memory each family member will hold dear are the holiday dinners around her dining room table. Lucille celebrated her 100th birthday on July 5, 2017. She enjoyed the day so very much as friends and family gathered to wish her happy birthday. As her health declined, Lucille found peace in the fact that soon she would leave this life to go to the next, where she knew many wonderful things were in store. Early Tuesday morning, November 7 her family surrounded her bedside and, filled with sadness and love, bid her farewell for a time, with thankfulness

to God for giving them Lucille to be in their lives for the time

she was here. She was greeted on the other side by her husband, Floyd

Mallett, her daughter, JoAnna Hamilton, her parents, C.M and Lola Ensminger, two brothers, J.R.

Ensminger and C.M. Ensminger; stepson, Raymond Mallett; other relatives and many friends Her family

left to cherish her memory include her daughter and son-in-law, Mary Jane and David

Whisnant; two granddaughters, Amber Whisnant and Miri Bergeron and her husband, Bryan; grandson, Jeff

Hamilton and his wife, Debi; a brother, Jack Ensminger; great-grandchildren, April Watkins, Ashley Bertalot

and husband, Kevin; Brice Martin, and Caitlin Harris and husband, Rusty; nine great-great-grandchildren; a

step-daughter, Sally Weber and her family; Raymond Mallett's family; other family members and many

friends. A Visitation was held at Mallett Funeral Home from 5:00 7:00 pm Friday.

The Funeral Service to celebrate a life well lived was at 10:00 am Saturday

at the First Christian Church in Wagoner. Officiates were the Reverend Will Smith and

the Reverend Larry Abernathy. Interment followed in Elmwood Cemetery in Wagoner. Pallbearers were Jeff

Hamilton, Bryan Bergeron, Peter Rafferty, Julius Watkins, Kevin Bertalot, Brice Martin, Rusty Harris and

James Hamlin. Honorary pallbearers were Larry Abernathy, Bill Benham, Mike Carter, Otto Deacon, Ray

Francisco, Jimmy Leopard, Jack Lewis, Kelly Swon and Matthew Tierney.