

# Obituaries

## SUE J. NELSON

Graveside services will be Monday, July 11, 2011 at 11 a.m. at Alva Municipal Cemetery with Reverend Steve Roach, Pastor, First United Methodist Church



of Texhoma, Oklahoma, officiating. Wharton Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [www.whartonfuneralchapel.com](http://www.whartonfuneralchapel.com).

Sue Jane, daughter of Mary Esther (Chowning) and Henry Stelson Nickell, was born on August 23, 1938 in Woodward, Oklahoma. She passed away at the Oklahoma City Integris Hospice House on the 7th day of July at the

age of 72 years, 10 months and 23 days.

She started school in Davenport where she finished grade school. In 1953, the family came to Alva and she graduated from Alva High School with the class of 1956. She received her Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education from Northwestern Oklahoma State University in 1961.

Miss Nickell was married to Gerald (Garry) Dean Nelson June 2, 1961 at Alva First Christian Church.

To their marriage three children Kristy, Kathy and Jim, were born.

Following their marriage they made their home in Yale and Texhoma where she taught first grade for a total of 33 years.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church Texhoma, serving on the church board and sang in the choir, OEA,

NEA, TEA and DAR.

She was preceded in death by her father on September 14, 1985, her mother on October 7, 1989, and a brother Dr. Joe Nickell on February 25, 1991.

Sue is survived by her husband Garry of the home; three children and their spouses, Kristy and Troy Irrer of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, Kathy and John Maynard of Nolensville, Tennessee, and Jim and Luann of Liberal, Kansas; five grandchildren, Hannah and Halley Maynard; Morgan and Brooke Nelson, and Paige Irrer; a sister and her husband, Lynda and Terry Bixler of Waynoka; a sister-in-law, Karen Nickell of Oklahoma City; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Contributions may be made in her memory to the First United Methodist Church of Texhoma.

# OK St to ren

BEAVER, Okla. (AP) — A park in the Oklahoma Territory slated for closure will remain after a nearby town agrees to take over its operations, the V News reported Saturday.

The Beaver Town Board is to take over Beaver Dam Park after a state lease expires Aug. 15. The state Tourism Recreation Department announced in March that budget cuts would result in the closure of several parks, including Beaver Dam.

Beaver town officials said the date of the change in operations from the state to the town could be earlier than if legal issues regarding the park are resolved before then.

The park is one of the largest in the state and includes a lake, miles of trails, a picnic area, tent and car camping and 300 acres of sand hills. It is a favorite spot for off-road enthusiasts and four-wheelers. A nine-hole golf course, owned by the Pioneer Association, is just north of the park.

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four-way stop north of Cherokee. \$542,200.

# KS livestock auctioneer named world champion

IOLA, Kan. (AP) — Charly Cummings is heading up to Holton, Kan., to compete in the world livestock auctioneer championship. Cummings, 42, is one of the top 10 semifinalists who were directed to sell another set of cattle. Auctioneers were rated on the

