



## Stella Irene McQuary Weydell

November 6, 1916 - December 30, 2016

Stella Irene McQuary Weydell of College Station Texas, formerly of Rockdale Texas, passed peacefully from this life on Friday, December 30, 2016. A memorial service will be held in the spring.

Irene was born on November 6, 1916 to David Ross and Prebble (Walker) McQuary in Milam County Texas, the third of six children who survived to adulthood. Her mother and five of the children were teachers. In 1932-33, she was inspired to be a Home Demonstration agent by the Milam County Home Demonstration agent who showed her how to can food.

She graduated from Sharp High School in 1934, from Southwest Texas State Teachers College in 1937 with a BS in Home Economics and a teaching certificate, and from Texas Women's University with a MS in Child Development in 1948. After teaching in Caddo and Charlotte, she became a home demonstration agent for Dimmit County, where she met Angus Theodore Weydell. They married on January 3, 1943 and moved to Ft. Bliss, El Paso where he was in the U.S. Army, 128th AAA Gun Battalion, Battery D Commander. Teaching was her first love. Irene taught Home Economics to adults and helped set up the El Paso school cafeteria program. In 1953, they moved to Rockdale with daughters Mary Lou and Nancy. During the 1950's and 1960's, Irene was a mother, homemaker and home economics teacher and inspired many of her home economics students to further their

achievements in the field and in life. She continued to teach as a substitute, college and high school home economics teacher while living in Cleveland Ohio and Albemarle North Carolina. After retiring in 1977 to care for her mother until her death, she began substituting again in Rockdale, where she substituted for another 30 years before retiring. She had taught for 29 years and substituted for 30. Irene was active in St. John's United Methodist Church in Rockdale as Sunday School Superintendent after teaching Sunday School. She was also active with Milam County Retired Teachers group and instrumental in developing the plan for Rockdale ISD to raise donations to help the district qualify for the QZAB program which provide 2.5 million dollars worth of zero interest bonds used to refurbish school properties throughout the district. Like other local businesses and individuals, she pledged her services toward the project, the value of pay for 12 days of substituting. Her life was educating not just children but people.

Mrs. Weydell was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years Angus 'Ted' Weydell, her parents David Ross and Prebble McQuary, a sister Margaret McQuary Pope, a brother James C. McQuary, and a sister Prebble McQuary Hilliard and a niece LuAnn McQuary Daniel. She is survived by her two daughters, Mary Lou Sharkey and husband Fred of Murphy North Carolina, and Nancy Linger of College Station, four grandchildren Daniel Sharkey and wife Brandi, Todd Sharkey and wife Bethany, Steven Linger and wife Tricia, and Gayle Linger Williamson and husband Geoffrey, and four great-grandchildren Kylie, Eric and Jacob Linger and Hans Williamson. She is also survived by a brother Sidney McQuary of Thorndale and a sister Dorothy Callaway of Beaumont, as well as 24 nieces and nephews and their families.

Irene wished to be cremated and the family plans to have a memorial service in the spring at Friendship Methodist Church on FM 1915. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you remember her with a memorial donation to one of the following: American Cancer Society (she was a 34 year cancer survivor);

Friendship Cemetery Association, c/o David Pope, Box 8823, Horseshoe Bay, Texas 78657-8823; Milam County 4H, 100 E 1st St, Cameron, Texas 76520-3341; St. John's United Methodist Church, 1700 Hillcrest, Rockdale, Texas 76567; Texas State University, San Marcos; or to a charity of your choice, especially one benefiting education for children.