



Mary Lou "Choc" Frankenberg

December 10, 1932 - November 9, 2012

Mary Lou "Choc" Frankenberg, age 79, passed away on Friday November 9, 2012, in her home in Purcell, Oklahoma, surrounded by a loving family, after concluding her year-long battle with cancer. Mary Lou was a member of the Choctaw tribe, born at home on December 10, 1932 in Wayne Township, McClain County, Oklahoma to Mattie Marie and Dorsey Homer Self. She attended elementary school in Arnold View, a one-room schoolhouse, in McClain County, Oklahoma. Subsequently Mary Lou attended Wayne Junior High School before moving to Purcell to attend high school. She graduated from Purcell High School in 1951. After graduation Mary Lou lived at the YWCA in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and worked for the OU Children's Hospital. Mary Lou was married on April 14, 1952 to William Grant Frankenberg, Sr. of Purcell. After their wedding Mary Lou worked at the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Purcell to put her husband Grant through the University of Oklahoma. Due to Grant's career as a petroleum engineer, Mary Lou raised her family in a variety of locations in the United States including Oklahoma, Illinois, Kansas, Texas, Colorado, and Louisiana. Mary Lou resided overseas for many years in Peru, Australia, Norway, and Malaysia, but she always claimed Purcell as her home. After Mary Lou and Grant came back to the U.S. to build their home in the early 1970's, she enjoyed her time working at Kennedy Drug store on Main Street in Purcell where she could keep up with the latest news from the local "regulars". She was a proud member of the Pink Lady volunteer group at Purcell Municipal Hospital and she loved

regularly playing bridge with many of her closest friends in Purcell. She loved creating projects and competing in the Home and Community Education club. Mary Lou was an exceptional athlete. In addition to being captain of the girls basketball team in high school, Mary Lou was an excellent golfer and bowler, and she enjoyed playing tennis well into her later years. She was an intense fan of all Purcell Dragons, the OU Sooners, and the Oklahoma City Thunder. Mary Lou leaves behind her husband Grant Frankenberg, Sr. of Purcell, Oklahoma; her children, daughter Deborah Frankenberg of Purcell, Oklahoma, and son Grant Frankenberg, Jr. and wife Sally of Flower Mound, Texas; grandchildren Mackenzie Frankenberg of Dallas, Texas, Casey Frankenberg and wife Megan of Dallas, Texas, BG Frankenberg of Flower Mound, Texas, and Bailey Frankenberg of New York City, New York; great grandchildren Ethan and Davis Frankenberg of Dallas, Texas; sister Margarett Barton of Norman, Oklahoma, and brother Gale Self and wife Sandra of Terrell, Texas. Mary Lou was preceded in death by her mother Mattie Marie Self, her father Dorsey Homer Self, her sister Kathryn Cummins, and her brothers Dorsey Self and Dale Self. Mary Lou was unmatched as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. The entire family feels extremely blessed to have been loved by Mary Lou. Friends are invited to a memorial service celebrating the life of Mary Lou Frankenberg to be held at 10:00 AM, Saturday, December 15, 2012 at Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell, Oklahoma. Mary Lou would be honored by donations to the American Cancer Society in lieu of flowers.