



Mary Ann Turner

April 16, 1929 - May 5, 2012

Mary Ann Turner age 83, formerly of Hampton, VA passed away Saturday, May 5th, 2012 in Purcell after a long battle with cancer. Mary Ann was born on April 16, 1929 in Anna, Illinois. She was born at home and was the 2nd of five children born to James Henry Rooney and Nona Marie (Ross) Rooney. She often referred to her childhood as being similar to the characters in "Little Women" and she most identified with the character "Jo". Her father was a Conductor on the Illinois Central Railroad and her family moved often while she was growing up. They lived in Anna and Champaign Illinois, Paducah and Fulton Kentucky. She graduated from the University Illinois High School in Champaign. While living in Paducah, her family survived the great flood of 1937 by being rescued from their home after spending the night on the roof of their house. Mary later married and raised two children, Diana and Danny. She loved theatrics and delighted in directing small plays at school and at home with her family and friends. While her children were growing up they lived in Memphis, TN. She worked most of her life as a secretary, working for various businesses. During her adult years she lived in Hampton, VA where she enjoyed painting and going to art shows. She also taught handicap Veterans to paint using their teeth and their artificial limbs. She was an active member of the Artists League in Hampton. Because of her failing health she moved to Pauls Valley, OK in 2011, to be close to her daughter Diana. Mary was a Christian and was happy to know that her children and grandchildren were all saved. She was preceded in death by: Parents: James and Nona

Rooney Son: Daniel Patrick Willingham Sister: Margaret Kappus She is survived by: Daughter: Diana Muir and husband Jerry of Pauls Valley, OK Two sisters: Jane Tapp of Hernando, Mississippi Agnes Zegar of Houston, TX Brother: James H. Rooney Jr. of Yucca, AZ Two grandchildren: Deanna Green and husband Shane of Maysville, OK Kristina Tate and husband Bryson of Maysville Three great grandchildren: Cheyenne, Carsen and Ty Green Funeral services will be 2:00 PM Tuesday May 8, 2012 at Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.