



## Opal Laverne Hickman

August 14, 1925 - February 11, 2014

Opal Laverne Hickman age 88 of Purcell, passed away Tuesday evening Feb. 11, 2014 in Purcell. She was born August 14, 1925 in Wanette, Oklahoma. She was the 2nd child of five children born to William Jackson Hopkins and Lou Effie (Blevins) Hopkins. Laverne grew up a farm girl living west of Wanette. In her earlier years she attended Liberty Hill a small country school. She finished high school at Wanette, graduating with the class of 1943. She later married the love of her life, a young man from the same area named Clyde Hickman. They were married in July of 1945 and together made their first home on a farm near Wanette. Laverne and Clyde raised two sons, Terry and Gary. After farming for several years they operated a soda shop and variety store for several more years in Wanette. During this time they even ran a movie theater in Wanette. In 1956, Laverne and Clyde moved to Purcell and operated a gas station for several years. In the early 1960's Laverne and her sister, Ruth went to beauty school to become beauticians. For over 40 years they operated the "Cut-N-Curl" beauty shop on Gros Ventre in Purcell. Laverne had many hobbies throughout her life. She and Clyde enjoyed traveling, especially to the northwest United States. She also enjoyed gardening, sewing, quilting, crocheting, knitting and cooking. Most of all she enjoyed spending time with her family. She was preceded in death by: Parents: William and Effie Hopkins, One brother: Roy Hopkins, One sister: Edith Higgins, One step great grandson, She is survived by: Husband: Clyde of the home, 2 Sons: Terry Hickman of Oklahoma City, Gary Hickman and wife

Vickie of Norman, 2 sisters: Ruth Malicoat of Noble, Margie Hackett and husband John of Tecumseh, 3 step grandchildren, 7 step great grandchildren  
Several nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends. Graveside funeral services will be 2:00 P.M. Friday, Feb. 14, 2014 at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell.