



Althea Stockton

April 10, 1914 - October 15, 2007

Obituary for Althea Stockton Funeral services for Althea Stockton, 93, of Roswell will be held at 11 am Monday, October 22, 2007, at First Baptist Church Dexter with Pastor Jack Ferguson officiating. Burial will be at 3 pm at Prairie Haven Memorial Park in Hobbs. Visitation for Althea will be Sunday from 2 to 8 pm at the funeral home. Althea was born on April 10, 1914 to Joseph and Una Brister in Abilene, TX. She passed away Monday, October 15, 2007, in Roswell, New Mexico. Althea graduated from Hardin-Simmons University in 1937; she taught Art for two years in Sonora, TX, before marrying and spending fourteen years raising her family. When her youngest child was three she began teaching art in rural school around San Angelo, TX before moving to Hobbs where she taught third and fourth grades for twenty-six years; she retired from teaching in 1979. Althea always liked to draw and paint, winning her first award, a first place for a watercolor painting, in sixth grade at the Texas-Oklahoma Fair. She studied art at several colleges, Sul Ross, the University of Southern California, Eastern New Mexico University, Hardin-Simmons, and New Mexico Junior College. Althea was an artist known for her beautiful paintings and artwork. Althea left Hobbs and moved to Dexter in 2003 to be near her daughter, Wanda. Althea is survived by her children, Wanda Stockton of Dexter, George Stockton of Moscow, Idaho, Joal Stockton Tijeris, NM, and Violet Sue Anderson of Peralta, NM; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a host of adults whose lives she touched with her art and knowledge as children. Please share your thoughts and memories

of Althea with her family in the online register book at andersonbethany.com
Services are under the direction of Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and
Crematory.

Tribute Wall



“ *Althea Stockton*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *George, Lindy, Wanda, Joel. Gail and I would like to give you deepest condolences to your family at this time. I know what pain it is to lose your mother and mother-in-law. The loss of my mother was very hard but her memories and spirit still live with me just as Althea's will live on with all of you. We love you. Dennis and Gail*

Dennis and Gail Jensen - October 23, 2007 at 07:55 PM



“ *To Mrs. Stockton's family: God Bless you all, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Mrs. Stockton was my third grade teacher at Southern Heights Elementary School, and I loved her dearly. She didn't let us get away with many shennanigans, and was a wonderful, caring teacher. She instilled in me my love for reading, which continues to this day. The world has lost a wonderful lady.... She can NEVER be Althea to me; forever she'll be "Mrs. Stockton".
Darla (Rawlinson) Adams*

Darla (Rawlinson) Adams - October 23, 2007 at 01:05 PM

DJ

“ George, Lindy and family. Gail and I would like to give you our most sincere condolences to the loss of a very important person to both of you. Geo, I know what it is like to lose your mother and it is very hard. But her memories and her spirit will live on with you just like my mother's spirit and memories have lived on with me. Take care and we look forward to getting with you guys when you return. Love DJ and GJ

Dennis and Gail Jensen - October 22, 2007 at 05:39 PM

DJ

“ Geo: So sorry for your loss. I can still remember losing my mother. It was a terrible day and I am sure your sorrow was tremendous also. But as in my mom I know that memories of your mother will be with you daily, just as her spirit will be with you daily. Once again Gail and I are very sorry for your loss. DJ/GJ

Dennis and Gail Jensen - October 22, 2007 at 04:22 PM

SH

“ Dear Wanda, George, Joal and Violet Sue, I feel very blessed to have known Althea. Jack's note about how she made such a rich life for all of you with what little material means she had was right on target. Her joy and enthusiasm for family, friends (I doubt she ever met a stranger), art and travel was contagious. I love and try to be like her in that she was always up to every challenge and adventure. I never witnessed anything but a loving attitude in every situation. What a beautiful example she was. I loved spending time with her. She had a gift for making everyone feel like they were the most important person in the world. I loved her and know she will be pulling for all of us for all of eternity. How wonderful for us!

Shelley Hume - October 22, 2007 at 02:29 PM

OM

“ *What a loss to all that ever had the pleasure of being around Althea. Her many expeditions to places unknown with her favorite traveling companion, Wanda, have given us all hope and inspiration to live and enjoy each and every day. Her smiling face loading up in the motorhome will stay with us forever. For my friend, Sue, God bless you and all your family as you find comfort knowing Christ's love surrounds you each and welcomes your wonderful mother home.*

O.T. and Becca Maxwell - October 22, 2007 at 11:42 AM

DA

“ *My Grandmother was amazing! She enjoyed life so much. I remember playing games like checkers and cards with her when I was young and how much I loved those visits. She has always inspired me with her travels and artistic talent. Although I do not think I received any of her painting or drawing skills, I proudly display her art in my tiny house in Portland. She came to visit me in salt lake city one time years ago with Wanda. It was such a fun evening and the one time I was able to bring them into my house and feed them my green chile chicken enchiladas. Well it is more my Moms recipe, but regardless It was such a pleasure! Grandma was there for me a few years ago when I needed a new truck and she co-signed for me and helped get me into my beautiful truck! This is where I spend most of my time with my sales job, and I often find myself driving around thinking about her. I will miss her so much, but want to make sure that I follow in her footsteps of a long, healthy, happy life full of family, friends, travel, art, and everything that comes in between.*

Dustin Anderson - October 22, 2007 at 11:38 AM

KK

“ *You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Be safe in your travels home. Ken and Rita*

Ken and Rita Koontz - October 21, 2007 at 11:32 PM

FP

“ *Althea and I both taught at Southern Heights in Hobbs for several years. I didn't know her well, but remember her as one who consistently tried to do the best she could.*

Fred Philpot - October 21, 2007 at 10:36 PM

HN

“ *Mrs Stockton was a dear friend and a wonderful neighbor. She will be greatly missed. Not only did she educate, a lot of Hobbs; she also saw my kids grow up right next door to her. Hugo and I tried to be as helpful as we could, but sometimes we did not get up early enough to keep her off her roof, and out of the trees. We missed her when we moved, and then she moved to Wanda's; it is hard to say goodbye to such a beautiful lady. God Bless you on your journey home. Love from: Hugo and Brenda Naegele, and children; Amy, Joseph and Brooks*

Hugo & Brenda Naegele - October 21, 2007 at 12:12 PM

MR

“ We met Althea 30 years ago when Violet Sue married Jack. Althea became a second Mom to all of Jack and Sue’s extended New Mexico mountain family. Althea was such an incredibly strong woman - strong of heart and mind, strong of conviction, full of life. On the outside, a no-nonsense kind of woman who got things done, yet she was the first one out the door, without an itinerary to an adventure with daughter and friend, Wanda. She was an inspiration to all – to be yourself and to live life to it’s fullest – because life goes on. She was a friend to all and she gave the hand of friendship, the kinship of family and the gentle touch that only a Mom can give. We feel fortunate to have known such a wonderful woman, whose children have all her best qualities. We will miss Althea, but we know that she is in Heaven, now, smiling down on all of us.

Michael & Patty Rotonda - October 20, 2007 at 10:53 PM

JA

“ It was a pleasure to have Althea as a mother-in-law. She was a strong woman who took care of her family and didn't show the difficulty of what she did in her life to anyone. She took it all in stride and treated everyone nicely. It amazes me to have seen a woman who was a single parent for a good part of her life, to live within her means and have a wonderful life and see the world the way she and Wanda did. She also maintained great interests and talents such as her jewelry, pottery and painting which she developed so well over the years. She was such a great example of an American woman from a modest Texas family, making something out of her life for her family and community. I'm proud to have known her and be a part of her family through my marriage to Violet Sue. I'll miss her but never forget her. Love you Althea.

Jack C. Anderson - October 20, 2007 at 07:29 PM

MS

“ Dear George, Lindy, Wanda, and family,
Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time. I know how fond
you were of your mother and she will surely be missed. Take care
and let us know if you need anything.
Love, Mike and Barb

Mike and Barb Stewart - October 20, 2007 at 02:33 PM

AI

“ Althea Stockton

Artie Ingham - October 20, 2007 at 10:42 AM

DJ

“ My deepest sympathies to George and all his family. My thoughts
are with you all.

Dottie Jones - October 20, 2007 at 09:57 AM

JF

“ Althea was one of my mom's best friends since teaching together in
Hobbs in the 70's and then became my friend, too. She and her
daughter, Wanda, visited us often in Ruidoso during my mother's
last years and we always enjoyed these visits so much. Card
playing and Mexican Train were usually the activity of choice at the
kitchen table. I will always remember Althea as a happy, fun person
to be around. She loved to travel, as do I, and I loved talking about
trips with her. I will miss her!

Judy Foulds - October 19, 2007 at 06:09 PM

BJ

“ I've known all of your children since 1965, although Joal was the only one that would hang out with me. You have proven to be one of the best mothers ever to come out of Hobbs America. Just by knowing your children as the quality individuals I know they are is proof enough. They are all intelligent, educated, vibrant citizens of this country of which it should be proud. I've most admired your vibrancy of life which I hope to assimilate; and your energy and love of travel with Wanda leaves me inspired. Your knowledge of art didn't rub off on me as I was not one of your students, but your painting of the pine trees overlooking the lake remains one of my favorite personal possessions. If you get time, please give the Lord a good word for me. My love to your family, it is my sincerest pleasure to be counted as a friend.

Bill Willey Jr - October 18, 2007 at 07:48 PM

JC

“ MY CONDOLENCES TO JOAL AND FAMILY. SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.
JENNIFER

JENNIFER COSTER - October 18, 2007 at 09:55 AM

CC

“ I will be praying for you and your family during this time. God will take care of you.
Carolyn

Carolyn Copeland - October 18, 2007 at 09:38 AM

JH

“ *What a fantastic woman she was. A superb teacher, strong Christian, super Mother and an example of the proper way to live your life for everyone. We know that God is saying to her "Well done, my dear faithful daughter." We know that she is going to be deeply missed by her children because they loved her so very much. You have our deepest sympathies and our prayers. Your Friends, Joe & Sue Harvey*

Joe & Sue Harvey - October 18, 2007 at 12:16 AM