

## L. Joyce Gale, 73

March 26, 1923 - Dec. 1, 1997

**LAWTON, OK** - Letha Joyce Gale was born March 26, 1923 in Irwin to C.M. and Myrtle Carter, where she grew up and attended school. She received her nurse's training at the Women's and Children's Hospital in Chicago.

She married Tom Gale in 1963 at Fort Sill, OK. He died in 1981. She retired from Comanche County Memorial Hospital in 1985 after a 45 year career as a registered nurse. She was a member of the Oklahoma Nurses Association and was on the board of directors of the Comanche County Cancer Society and Comanche County Red Cross. She was past president of the Oklahoma Society for Nursing Service Administrators, and was appointed by then Gov. George Nigh to a five year term on the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education. She served in several advisory capacities on nursing education statewide. She was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church. She died Dec. 1, 1996, at a local hospital following a lengthy illness.

She is preceded in death by her parents and husband. She is survived by her daughter, Debra Johnson of Lawton, OK; a son, Charles Carter Gale of Wichita, KS; her stepmother, Selma Carter of Irwin; a sister, Betty Stiles, McAllen, TX and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Dec. 4, 1996, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church with Rev. Larry Bauman officiating. Burial was in the Paradise Valley Cemetery near Lawton. Becker Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.