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Frances Louise Lee, 72

March 18, 1923 - Aug. 21, 1995

Avoca - Frances Louise Lee, daughter of Arthur and Louise (Williams) Verkler, was born during a blizzard March 18, 1923 in the small town of Boyero, CO. As a child, she moved with her family from WY to OK and TX. Her father worked as a fireman and engineer for the railroad. The family settled in Canadian, TX where she attended grade school and graduated from high school in 1940.

She married James A. Ramsey, June 9, 1940. She worked for the Santa Fe railroad in Texas and Selman, OK before moving with her daughter to Buffalo, OK in 1946. At that time, she was employed at the Harper County Journal Newspaper.

Nov. 24, 1954, she married Samuel Edward Lee, owner-publisher of the Harper County Journal. She continued to work at the newspaper and several years later attended Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Alva, OK. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Art and Language. After graduation, she taught one year at Hope, KS. After the death of her husband in 1982, she managed the newspaper for a short time before selling it. In Dec. of 1988, she made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Alice (Ramsey) Klindt near Avoca. This was her home until her death Aug. 21, 1995 at age 72 years, five months and three days. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Buffalo, OK, a member of the IOOF Lodge and of the Buffalo, OK Garden Club. She had sponsored a Jr. Garden Club for a short time. She was an artist and had displayed her paintings in art shows. In earlier years, she had held a pilot's license.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband. S.E. Lee. She is survived by her daughter, Alice Louise Klindt (Ralph) of Avoca; her stepson, Robert E. Lee (June) of Oklahoma City, OK; three grandchildren, three step-grandchildren; two great-grandsons and five step-great grandchildren; four sisters, Neola Keahey (Francis) of Canadian, TX; Jean Dunlap (Dudley) and Helen Sneed of Amarillo, TX; Eileen Thomas (Bill) of Elk City, OK; one brother, Arthur Verkler (Lynn) of Seattle, WA; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Frances donated her body to the Anatomical Board of the State of Nebraska. It will be used to further the education and knowledge of scientists and students. Memorial services were held Sept. 16, 1995 at the Altamont Baptist Church. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.