

Edith McKinney, 97

May 22, 1912 - Sept. 6, 2009

MANILLA — Edith Stella McKinney was born May 22, 1912, the daughter of Thomas Benjamin Darling and Stella E.I. McGee. She died at the Manilla Manor in Manilla on September 6, 2009, at the age of 97.

Edith was born and raised on the family farm near Irwin. After graduation from Irwin High School in 1929, as valedictorian of her class, she attended Iowa State University, graduating in 1933 with a B.S. degree in Home Economics with majors in Dietetics and Home Economics Education. From 1934-1935 she had internships at Lincoln General Hospital, Lincoln, NE and Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago, IL.



While working at Baylor Hospital in Dallas, TX, she met her future husband Eustace (Mac) McKinney, whom she married in 1943. She served as Assistant Dietitian for four years and as Chief Dietitian for four years. They lived in Dallas and then in Richardson, where they built their new house in 1974. The remainder of her professional career was spent teaching dietetics to nursing students in Texas at Parkland, Baylor, St. Paul, and Methodist Hospital Schools of Nursing. She also taught at Texas Women's University, where she earned a M. S. degree in Nutrition in 1960 and taught there until she retired in 1977. Her hobbies included sewing, quilting, reading, and watching television, especially the news and the Olympics. In April of 1999 she moved to Manilla, to live with her sister Dorothy McMahon, and in June of that year she entered the Manilla Manor.

Edith was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Mac, brother Wayne Darling, sister Dorothy McMahon, and niece Connie (Darling) Seipel. Survivors include one niece Paula Behrendt, (Cliff) of Harlan, and nephews Thomas McMahon of Galesburg, IL, Lynn McMahon (Paulette) of Rochester MN, and Jeff Darling (Lora) of Kirkman.

Funeral services were held Monday, September 14, 2009, at the Wildwood Chapel in Restland Memorial Park in Dallas, TX. Visitation was at 9:00 A.M. with services following at 10:00 A.M. Interment was at the Chapel Gardens Mausoleum.