



Harriet C. Chambers

October 21, 1913 - April 18, 2014

Harriet Shaw Chambers passed away April 18, 2014 in Okmulgee, Oklahoma at one hundred and a half years old. She was born October 21, 1913 in Wheatland, Wyoming to James and Agnes (McFarlane) Shaw.

Harriet was an authentic daughter of the Old West. Both of her parents' families were prominent ranchers in the Laramie Peak area near Wheatland and Douglas Wyoming. Harriet's paternal grandfather, Thomas A. Shaw, settled in Wyoming Territory after driving cattle up from Texas in 1878. As his own obituary stated in 1932; "Tom Shaw entered Wyoming as a cow puncher and until his death, he remained a disciple of the herds."

Harriet was educated in Catholic boarding schools in Sidney, Nebraska and Boulder, Colorado. In 1933, she married Claude Patton who was also a Wyoming rancher. They had three sons; Thomas, Jackson and James and one daughter; Catherine. Harriet was an exemplary mother and always put her family first which was especially true during her years as a single parent.

Harriet lived in Casper, Wyoming for many years where she worked for Lane Wells and the City of Casper. After marrying Stanley Chambers in 1960, she moved to Lander and began a long career as a legal secretary with the law firm Boyer and Svilar. In 1964, Harriet purchased, by herself, forty acres of mountain property in the Shoshone National Forest which she (and Stan)

developed through the years as Pass Creek Properties.

Harriet has spent many winters with her daughter and son-in-law in Okmulgee. However, when she was inevitably asked about the "harsh" Wyoming weather, she was more than a little annoyed and quite defensive. She took great pleasure in Oklahoma's winter of 2011 being much worse than Wyoming's.

Although the calendar may have shown otherwise, Harriet was never "old." To her family and countless friends of all ages across the country, she was interesting, smart and fun. Harriet was an avid reader and was never without a book by her side. She loved writing and had beautiful penmanship. She liked playing Rummy and other card games and was very competitive.

Harriet loved politics, current events and the Sunday morning news programs. She also liked Jeopardy and primetime television; but, true to her Old West roots, Harriet still favored western reruns, especially Bonanza and Gunsmoke.

Harriet was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Jack in 1958; her two husbands; and her daughter-in-law, Joan Patton.

Survivors include her son, Tom Patton of Casper, Wyoming; her daughter, Cathi Patton Rikard and husband, Hansen of Okmulgee, Oklahoma; and her son, Jim Patton of Lander, Wyoming. She is also survived by granddaughter, Peggy Patton Nelson and husband, Stan, and their two daughters, Cheri and Chantelle, all of Casper and granddaughter, Dr. Jennifer Rikard of San Diego, California and her two month old son, Porter Shaw Rikard.

Visitation will be Wednesday, April 23 and with the family from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the McClendon Winters Funeral Home in Okmulgee. Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 p. m. Tuesday, April 29 at The Gorman Funeral

Home Chapel in Douglas, Wyoming. The family requests that donations in Harriet's honor be made to the Okmulgee Public Library. On line condolences may be sent to www.mcclendon-winters.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Harriet C. Chambers*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *It saddened me greatly to learn of Harriet's passing when I attempted to contact her for a visit. I had the joy and honor of getting to know her a few years ago when I worked as a home health therapist. She was always so upbeat and had a way of making all of us feel that we were special to her. I enjoyed her tales of Wyoming, her graciousness, and love for life. What a grand lady! I count my blessings that our paths crossed.*

Donna Scoggins-Stuber - May 17, 2014 at 09:18 AM



“ *Cathi, Hansen and Jennifer, we loved Harriet and know what a huge influence she had on all of your lives and many of ours as well. Harriet was an amazing and inspirational woman. She kept her keen sense of humor and we were always so impressed how she knew all the news and political happenings up to the end. To have reached 100 years and to stay so mentally bright was a great tribute to Harriet and a blessing to all of her family and friends. We are just so glad we have had the opportunity to know and love her these last 12 years. Therese and Randy*

Therese - April 23, 2014 at 10:57 AM

TA

“ We feel blessed to have known Harriet. She was a very special lady! She had a contagious smile and was so pleasant. I hope the two of you realize how good you were to her. We know you must feel comfort in that. Prayers.

Tom and Judy Alexander - April 22, 2014 at 04:56 PM

JS

“ Cathi, your mother was one of a kind & Tom & I felt it was a treat to know. & visit with her over the years. She really knew her "sipping bourbon" & Tom delighted in sharing with Harriet. Prayers & our love, Jan & Tom

Jan & Tom Slamans - April 22, 2014 at 04:13 PM

LB

“ Our lives have been richly blessed knowing Harriet. We are so glad she spent these last few years in Okmulgee. She missed her wonderful Wyoming but made many friends in Okmulgee. She was so entertaining with her dry wit and amazing memory. We'll always think of her when we sip bourbon " on the rock." We were so fortunate to enjoy her Wyoming retreat and know Heaven for Harriet will be much like the Passé Creek property.

Bill and Lynda

Lynda Barksdale - April 22, 2014 at 03:32 PM