

Gainor, Frances

Frances Johns Gainor, 100, Harbor Beach of Shawnee, Okla. entered into eternal rest in the arms of Jesus Christ, her Lord and Savior on Dec. 23, 2009 in Shawnee Okla.

Mrs. Gainor was born on Feb. 17, 1909 in Glendive, Mont., daughter of the late George C. and Mary G. Johns.

Frances spent her early years on a ranch in Mont. prior to moving to Michigan with her family following World War I. She was a graduate of Harbor Beach High School in 1927 and Central Michigan University. Frances served as a grade school teacher for over 40 years, retiring in 1973 after teaching in Huron County, Ferndale, and Harbor Beach. She loved art, and was gifted in painting landscapes and china, and designing crafts for the annual church bazaar. She also enjoyed designing pressed flower notecards.

She believed in giving back to her community all of her life and was an active member of the Presbyterian Church, Women's Club, Garden Club, Grice Museum, Eastern Star, Retired Teacher's Association and Bridge Club.

She was the widow of W. Roy Gainor, who preceded her in death on Jan. 12, 1981. Frances was also preceded in death by her brothers, Robert and Charles; and sisters, Mary Jane, Marie and Lillian. Frances is survived by a daughter, Lynda Nichol of Shawnee Okla. and a son, Vardon and his wife Eileen of Mechanicsburg, Pa. She is survived by four grandchildren, Robert (Jana) Nichol of Oklahoma City Okla., Amy (Greg) McQuerry of Shawnee Okla., Beth (David) Clary of Tulsa Okla., and Kim (Dan) Toth of Mechanicsburg Pa. Frances is also survived by eight great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, former students and friends.

A memorial service celebrating her life will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 4, 2010 at the First Presbyterian Church of Harbor Beach with the Rev. Vardon J. Gainor officiating.

Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 3, 2010 at Ramsey Funeral Home in Harbor Beach.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The First Presbyterian Church of Harbor Beach, or the Grice Museum.