



## Ruth Walker

September 15, 1917 - March 7, 2012

Ruth Hazel Peden Walker, age 94, passed away on March 7, 2012. She was born September 15, 1917 to O.D. and Ellen Jowell Peden in Wells, Texas. She was raised in Roscoe, Texas.

She graduated from Texas Tech University in 1937. She raised her family in Tahoka, Texas. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and taught school in Tahoka until 1970 when she moved to Lubbock, Texas. She taught first grade at Iles and Wheelock Elementary schools before retiring from Lubbock Independent School District. She loved her family, friends, and the children she taught. She especially enjoyed the “traditional family Christmas game”, which she invented. One of her proudest moments was moving the historic family Jowell “Jolly” home to the Ranching Heritage Center from Palo Pinto County. She was an avid golfer and known for her “pink” putter. When her health kept her from the golf course, she was made an honorary member of the Meadowbrook Women’s Golf Association.

She was preceded in death by a son, Jack, her parents, a sister, Myrle Ellis and husband, Judge James A. Ellis and two brothers, Jowell Peden and wife, Pinky and Jack Bill Peden and wife, Martha.

She is survived by a son, Tim Walker; two daughters, Sue Thomas and Lacye Hutton and husband Richard, all of Lubbock. She is also survived by

granddaughter, Tracye Swafford and husband, Cody of Lamesa; grandsons, Trent Scott and wife, Donnis of Tahoka; Jay Thomas and wife, Marca; and Jeff Thomas all of Lubbock; great grandchildren, Cambrie and Laynie Swafford, Raymie and Kendon Scott, and Jason and Dylan Thomas along with many nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to acknowledge SouthHaven Assisted Living staff and Jeff Hallett of Accolade Home Care for their loving care.

A private family burial will be held to celebrate the beautiful lady, Ruth Hazel Peden Walker.

The family suggests donations to Meals on Wheels or a favorite charity.