

Helen Marie Moore Reed

8 March 1928 – 19 April 2011



Helen Marie Reed, 83, passed away on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 in Quitman, Texas. She was born to Melba A. (Gresham) and William C. Moore, Sr. in Little Rock, Arkansas on March 8, 1928 and spent her childhood in Heber Springs, near her grandparents, John A. Gresham and Elizabeth Moore. After graduating from Quitman High school in 1945, she accompanied her parents and brothers, Alder and William C. Moore, Jr. to California where she met and married John W. Reed.

Ms. Reed was a wonderful mother, grandmother and friend. She spend many years working for the California Air National Guard, first at Camp San Luis Obispo and later, when she moved to Sunnyvale to be near her parents, with the 129th Airborne at Moffitt Field, in the San Francisco Bay area. These people were like family to her and she often regaled her family with tales of the interesting, aggravating and humorous antics of the people she worked with. Although she retired in 1995, she still kept in contact with some of the 129th, attending retirement parties, promotion parties and special occasions with them whenever she could travel.

After she retired from working for the California Air National Guard in 1995, she settled first in Sonora, California where she put her expert seamstress skills to work with costuming the local theater productions, acting as a docent at the restored historical mining town of Columbia, and serving lunch every Wednesday at the Senior Center.



Helen moved to Quitman, Texas four years ago to be near two of her daughters and her brother, Alder Moore and his wife, Georgia. She was an avid gardener and often had friends over for tea. She again worked with the local theater company, Quitman Community Theatre Group, creating exactly the right costumes for the many productions, some of which can be seen at the theater's website (www.qctheatre.org).

She is survived by her children: her daughters Yvonne Henrichsen, Deborah Ralston and Sharon Brewer; her son J. Arthur Reed; granddaughters Suzie Krzyzanowski, Lisa Anderson, Sarah Lubeck, Dawn Pacheco, Rebecca Henrichsen, Bethany Jennings, Emily Williams, and Diane Mikulenka; grandsons Matthew Reed, Michael Henrichsen and Joshua Mikulenka; step-grandchildren Chad and Merritt Steeverson; brothers Alder Moore of Winnesboro, Texas and William C. Moore, Jr. of Napa, California; eight great-grandchildren, two nephews and two nieces; her uncle, Guy Gresham of Heber Springs, and numerous Moore and Gresham relatives.



A memorial service was held on Saturday, May 21, 2011 graveside at the Pearson Cemetery, outside of Heber Springs, Arkansas. Memorial contributions can be made in her name to the Cypress Basin Hospice at 207 Morgan St, Mount Pleasant, TX 75455 (www.cbhospice.org) or the Mount Vernon Music Scholarship Fund at PO Box 719, Mount Vernon TX 75457 (www.mountvernonmusic.org).

Note from Yvonne Henrichsen: The urn was designed by our aunt for her interment. It is really cool with a big brim hat, a dress manikin, and a hat brim with elephants and teacups which mom always collected.