



Gladys Laverne Thornal Owen

January 7, 1926 - June 8, 2026

Gladys Thornal Owen died in Lampasas on June 8, 2026. She was born in Lampasas County on January 7, 1926, to Oscar and Della Anderson Thornal, and celebrated her 100th birthday earlier this year. She lived in Lampasas County all of her life, with the majority of those years spent on the Thornal family ranch, which was settled in the late 1800s.

Gladys was preceded in death by her husband, William "Bill" Ray Owen, and her parents. She is survived by her daughters, Sandra West and husband Michael, and Patricia Schaub and husband Randy; three grandchildren, John Bryan West, William Charles Schaub, and Matthew Thomas Schaub; and numerous great-grandchildren, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Although small in stature, Gladys was big in heart. She loved helping people and never refused a request. She participated in her daughters' activities, whether it was Girl Scouts, 4-H, band trips, or practices, driving all over Texas for them.

She was a lifelong member of School Creek Baptist Church and worked tirelessly for her church, remaining strong in her faith. She assisted with Vacation Bible School, holiday activities, Friday Supper Club, and served as church secretary for countless years, documenting church meetings and creating a detailed history of her church. On each holiday, she placed American flags on the graves of military servicemen at Smith Cemetery, regardless of the war in which they served, to honor their service.

Gladys loved to play dominoes and cards and played regularly with different

groups in Lampasas. She loved to travel and was always ready to hop in the car and go. It didn't matter where-she was going. She traveled to Europe several times with friends and family and created photo albums to document her trips.

Many of her friends' grandchildren considered Gladys to be their grandmother, too. Her favorite snacks were Dr Pepper and Baby Ruth candy bars, and when they visited, they often brought them for her, making her day. She spent time clipping articles about "her" kids, and upon their high school graduation, presented each one with a memory journal she had created.

The family wishes to thank Alexa Meredith, Amelia Denning, and Mary Raub for their extra-special care during this time.

Gladys' body is to be cremated. A memorial service to honor her life will be held at a later date.

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Fulton Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.