

**Pauline Ripley, 97****Nov. 10, 1918 - Oct. 7, 2016**

**IRWIN** — Pauline Humphreys Armentrout Ripley, daughter of Daniel and Viola (Jacobs) Humphreys, was born November 10, 1918 at her parents farm east of Kirkman. She spent her school years in Irwin graduating with eleven students of the Irwin High School Class of 1936. After high school, she was employed as a nanny where she did housekeeping and cooking for a family in Harlan. Years later, she clerked at Paulsen's Grocery Store and Jim's Grocery Store in Irwin.

Pauline was united in marriage to Lyle Armentrout at the Presbyterian Church in Denison as the Church of Christ was doing remodeling. One son, Lee, brought much joy to their lives.

Pauline and Lyle farmed west of Irwin for thirty-three years until moving into town for retirement. Pauline and Lyle then bought a travel trailer and decided to spend their winters in Texas as "snowbirds" which they enjoyed doing for over ten years.

Upon Lyle's passing on October 4, 1982, Pauline decided to continue spending her winters in Texas. She met her second husband, Al Ripley, falling in love and were married April 23, 1985. Al died February 1, 1986. She continued to spend many more winters in Texas and enjoyed visits from her nieces and nephews. She was always one to have a good laugh and have much fun. She loved trips across the border into Mexico, having meals at her favorite places-where the waiters always knew her by name and she always had a hug for them.

She served many meals to Lyle from a basket while he was working in the field, fried many a chicken and made wonderful pies. In her spare time, she liked to make scrapbooks on animals and children. She enjoyed embroidery work, sewed many of her own clothes as well as clothing for her nieces. In her later years, she embroidered eleven quilts for her nieces and nephews as well as one for herself. Pauline always kept a daily diary since the day she was married. She loved animals always having a dog and cats to baby. She even had a pet raccoon that she raised from a bottle. A parakeet, named Billy Boy, was also one of her beloved pets and she taught him many words to speak.

Pauline was a life-time member of the Church of Christ Church in Irwin and a long time member of the Ladies Mission Society serving various offices. She also belonged to a ladies rural country club and card club while living in Irwin and Texas.

In June 2010, Pauline moved to Manilla Manor in Manilla. She was very happy there and was honored to be the Manor's Valentine Queen one year. She spent her time reading and doing cross-word puzzles. She was also featured as a resident of the month. The Manor had dogs and cats and she loved them as her own and adopted them. When family visited you would see her sitting in her favorite chair with a cat on her lap. Pauline died October 7, 2016 at the Manilla Manor having attained the age of ninety-seven years, ten months, and twenty-seven days.

In addition to her parents and husbands she is preceded in death by her brothers Gerald Humphreys, Manly Humphreys, and Robert Humphreys; sisters Mildred Steenhusen and Mary Shannon; nephews David Humphreys and Richard Humphreys; three sisters-in-law; and two brothers-in-law. She is survived by her son Lee Armentrout of Denison; step-daughter Joyce and her husband Bob Otkin of Minnesota; six nieces; three nephews; other family members and many friends.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Ted Sieck, at Church of Christ in Irwin, on Monday, October 10, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Accompanist was Peggy Ahrenholtz and serving as casket bearers were: Rich Wiig, Donnie Armentrout, Bill McMahon, Randy Birks, Roger Ahrenholtz, and Paul Steenhusen. Interment is at Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin.



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