



Margaret Elizabeth Gragg

March 10, 1914 - September 15, 2014

Margaret Elizabeth Gragg, age 100, a longtime resident of Howard, Kansas passed away Monday, September 15, 2014 at the Howard Twilight Manor. She was born on March 10, 1914 in Piedmont, Kansas the daughter of Harold Waco and Addie Elizabeth (Rhea) Colyer.

On September 8, 1934, Margaret was united in marriage to William H. Gragg in Howard, Kansas. At the age of 43 Margaret graduated from Emporia State University and 10 years later she was received her master's degree. For 40 years Margaret was a teacher the first six years were in rural schools and then 34 years in the West Elk District. She was a member of the Howard United Methodist Church, Rebekah Lodge #154 for 70 years, UMW since 1925, Delta Kappa Gamma, American Legion Auxiliary, and served for 8 years as mayor of Howard. Margaret was very active in numerous other clubs and organizations and generously helped with the funding of the Benson Museum and Rebekah Lodge buildings.

Margaret is survived by her adopted son Larry Gragg and his wife Cindy of Howard, Kansas, two sisters, Jean Grundy of Eureka, Kansas and Hope Eisenback of Kalamazoo, Michigan, two grandsons, Travis Gragg and Bryce Gragg and 4 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Bill, son William and brother Richard Colyer.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, September 20, 2014 at the Howard United Methodist Church with Pastor Stacy Ellsworth officiating. Interment will be at Grace Lawn Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Howard United Methodist Church and may be left with the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at www.countysidefh.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Countryside Funeral Home in Howard.

Cemetery Details

Grace Lawn Cemetery

Howard, KS 67349

Previous Events

Service

SEP **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Howard United Methodist Church
815 E. Randolph
Howard, KS 67349

Tribute Wall

BE

“ *Beth Everett lit a candle in memory of Margaret Elizabeth Gragg*



Beth Everett - September 21, 2014 at 09:14 AM

RB

“ *Roger Baumgartel lit a candle in memory of Margaret Elizabeth Gragg*



Roger Baumgartel - September 19, 2014 at 09:40 PM

“ Dear Family and Friends:

Mrs. Gragg was my favorite teacher. She had the right amount of kindness mixed in with a little bit of discipline. (She was my second grade teacher in 1968?)

I do not know if I can remember word for word or do the conversation justice, but I did get to visit with her about a week after her 100th birthday party. (March 2014) It went something like this.

"I am Harmon Bliss," introducing myself. " Yes, I remember. You are Francis Bliss's boy. Do you still teach at Jetmore," said Mrs. Gragg.

"Yes, I am still there, I am in my 30th year of teaching agricultural education," I responded.

She kept the conversation going, " Do you think the legislature will ever allow corporal punishment again." "No, probably not," I said.

"Well, I spanked a few students that needed it. And later most of them thanked me for it," she said. She went on to say, " The legislature is just being a big bully. We ought to spank them."

She continued, " You know I was Mayor of Howard, don't you? "Yes, I remember a little about that," I commented.

"At first I was a little apprehensive about doing the job, but when I got in there and all the councilmen were my former students - I just whipped them into shape," said Mrs Gragg.

What a lady! What a Christian! Thank you Mrs. Gragg for your years of service to mankind (and to many of second graders like me), I know your are heaven!

*Sincerely,
Harmon F. Bliss*

Jetmore, Kansas

Harmon Bliss - September 19, 2014 at 08:31 PM

DA

“ *Doreen Johnson Aikman lit a candle in memory of Margaret Elizabeth Gragg*



Doreen Johnson Aikman - September 19, 2014 at 07:26 PM

KY

“ *Kaye Spurrier Yates lit a candle in memory of Margaret Elizabeth Gragg*



Kaye Spurrier Yates - September 19, 2014 at 01:36 PM

BS

“ *Brian H. Spurrier lit a candle in memory of Margaret Elizabeth Gragg*



Brian H. Spurrier - September 19, 2014 at 01:30 PM

BE

“ *Betty Eby lit a candle in memory of Margaret Elizabeth Gragg*



Betty Eby - September 19, 2014 at 08:25 AM

CC

“ *Chip&Nancy Crum lit a candle in memory of Margaret Elizabeth Gragg*



Chip&Nancy Crum - September 18, 2014 at 04:18 PM

SS

“ *Sylvia Stites lit a candle in memory of Margaret Elizabeth Gragg*



Sylvia Stites - September 17, 2014 at 09:36 PM

SH

“ *Shelly Hare lit a candle in memory of Margaret Elizabeth Gragg*



Shelly Hare - September 17, 2014 at 07:04 AM

CE

“ *Our Sincere Heartfelt Sympathy to Larry & Family.*



Carla & Earnie - September 17, 2014 at 05:48 AM