

ENID — Ruby Stephens Nichols Register, 96, of Enid, Okla., formerly of Pine Bluff, Ark., and Redwood Falls, Minn., passed away, Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2011, at her home.

Born Dec. 21, 1914, in Kedron, Ark., she was the daughter of the late James Alexander and Mary Lula Neece Stephens.

She was reared and received her early education in Pine Bluff, graduating from Pine Bluff High School.

She went on to receive her bachelor of education degree from Arkansas A&M College, now the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

In 1938, she married Jesse Clark Nichols. They spent the next 31 years together, raising their family, until his passing in 1969.

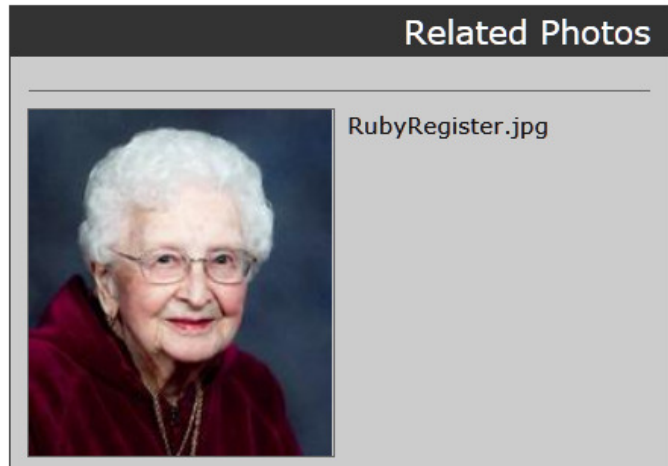
Mrs. Nichols taught 3rd grade in the Watson Chapel School District for some 30 years, before retiring in 1973. During those years, she touched many a child's life. She lived in Pine Bluff until the late 1970s, and at that time she moved to Texas with her sister.

While living in Texas, she met Orin "Cash" Register. They were married at Fun N Sun, Too in San Benito, Texas. They spent their summers in Redwood Falls, Minn., Mr. Register's home state, and their winters in Texas. They spent 18 years together until he passed away.

Mrs. Register was a member of Order of the Eastern Star in Redwood Falls, Minn. She was a devout Christian woman and while in Pine Bluff, she was a member of First Baptist Church.

She was an avid golfer and loved playing bridge and other card games. She was a domino champion in 2007 and won first place in the Ladies Singles Shuffle Board Tournament at Victoria Palms Resort in Texas.

She spent time twice a week playing dominos at the Senior Center in Enid, Okla.



She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Jesse Nichols; her second husband, Orin "Cash" Register; her son, Paul Nichols; her brothers, Hunter and James Stephens; and her sisters, Coloma Leath, Mammie Allison and Virgie Pryor.

She is survived by her daughter, Judy Mason and husband Gene of Enid, Okla.; stepchildren, Norita Butzer and husband David of Redwood Falls, Minn., Buffy Register of Minnesota and Ken Register of California; five grandchildren, Rhea Mishelle Priebe, Karl Nichols, Eric Nichols, Dr. Merrilee O'Meilie and Mitchell Mason; and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside service will be 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, 2011, in Memorial Park Cemetery in Pine Bluff, Ark., with Rev. Matt Norton officiating. The family will receive friends from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Monday at Ralph Robinson & Son Funeral Home, Pine Bluff.

Friends may sign the online register at www.ralphrobinsonandson.com. Friends in Enid, Okla., may sign the register at Ladusau-Evans Funeral Home.

Memorials may take the form of contributions to Central Christian Church, 1111 W. Broadway Ave., Enid, OK 73703.

(Submitted by family)