

Dorris McSpadden Black

89, a longtime resident of Prairie Grove, passed away September 6, 2007 at Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville. She was born December 7, 1917 in Floydada, Texas, one of seven children born to Ida Berry and John Finis McSpadden.

Her husband of 66 years, cowboy artist Keith L. Black passed away last Christmas morning. She called him Black. He called her Kiddo. All her siblings also preceded her in death.

Survivors include two sons, Richard Black and wife Louise of Fayetteville, Russell Black and wife Brenda of Prairie Grove; three grandsons, Keith A. Black of Los Angeles, J. Stephen Black and Lana Lyon of Fayetteville, Jeffrey R. Black and Vale Sharp Black of Springdale; a step-granddaughter Cindy Whitehouse and husband Mitch of Prairie Grove; five great-grandchildren, Michael, Rebecca, Jasmine, Theodore, Jackson Black, and step-great-grandchildren Natalee and Ian Whitehouse. She is also survived by a sister-in-law, Joyce Milam of Kingsland, Texas and many loving nieces and nephews.

Dorris Black had a rare zest for life. She was an extraordinary homemaker and a classic Southern cook, making everything from scratch. Her elaborate family dinners were meticulously executed, and long remembered as exquisitely delicious feasts. She was the definition of helpmeet, giving a lifetime of tireless support to her husband and her family. She went from a home room mother to 4-H Club Leader to President of the Parent-Teacher Association in both Lincoln and Prairie Grove. She was a member of the Prairie Grove chapter of the Federation of Women's Clubs, serving as its President and as a District Officer. She served more than forty years in the Prairie Grove Battlefield Park Auxiliary, many of them as President, resigning just this past year as Treasurer. She made and wore several authentic old Southern dresses to participate in park events. Never idle, and always seeking to better herself, she learned embroidery, weaving and calligraphy. She was an avid reader and frequented the Prairie Grove Library. She was a lover of all animals, especially horses and cats. She was a collector of antiques and Irish Belleek Clay Pottery.

Dorris was a faithful member of the Prairie Grove Church of Christ, and lived her beliefs. She loved people, and kept up with numerous friends and family over time, including a cadre of 'phone friends'. She loved America, was very patriotic, and once served on a federal jury. She also loved Ireland, the country of her heritage, and celebrated her 80th birthday with a trip to Northern Ireland where she found and befriended Scotch-Irish McSpadden relatives.

She had sparkling blue eyes and an infectious smile. Her crackly childlike voice was accompanied by the Irish gift of gab. She loved to wear hats and dress elegantly, and always wore makeup. A beautiful woman and Southern lady, she was an unlikely yet perfect partner for the cowboy. Each maintained their uniqueness, and as a couple are legendary.

APPRECIATION

On behalf of the Black family, we wish to express their gratitude
for your many acts of kindness, and for your
attendance at the funeral service.

**Luginbuel Funeral Home
Prairie Grove, Arkansas**

online guest book, visit www.luginbuel.com



Dorris Black

December 7, 1917 - September 6, 2007

I shall pass through
this world but once.
Any good therefore
that I can do or any
kindness that I can
show to any human
being, let me do it now.
Let me not defer or
neglect it for I shall
not pass this way
again.



Who can find a virtuous woman?
for her price is far above rubies.
The heart of her husband doth
safely trust in her, so that he
shall have no lack of gain.



CELEBRATING THE LIFE & MEMORY OF

Dorris McSpadden Black

DATE, TIME & PLACE OF SERVICE

Monday, September 10, 2007 - 10:30 a.m.
Church of Christ - Prairie Grove, Arkansas

ORDER OF SERVICE

"Amazing Grace"	#129	Congregational Song Leader - Travis Horne
Obituary		Bill Hooten
"Church in the Wildwood"	#1011	Congregational
Words of Comfort & Victory		Bill Hooten
Closing Prayer		
"The Old Rugged Cross"	#313	Congregational
Family Memories Video		
"Yellow Rose of Texas"		
"Galway Bay"		
"Irish Jig"		
"Long Journey Home"		

**GRAVE SIDE SERVICES WILL NOT BE HELD AT THE CEMETERY. THE FAMILY WILL VISIT
WITH FRIENDS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOLLOWING THE SERVICE.**

FINAL RESTING PLACE

Prairie Grove Cemetery - Prairie Grove, Arkansas

PALLBEARERS

Keith A. Black - Stephen Black - Jeffrey Black - Michael Black
Mitchell Whitehouse - Jim Sharp - Mike Fidler - Gerald Klingaman - Phil Wade

