



## Frances Marie Henson

February 1, 1925 - September 6, 2015

Frances Marie (Smethers) Henson, of Waxahachie, Texas, was born February 1, 1925 in Cordell, Oklahoma and passed from this earthly life to her heavenly home on September 6, 2015. She was born to Edwin Orpha and Emma Amzella (Hill) Smethers. She was one of four children, and was raised by her grandmother, Sarah McKissick, in a local hotel in Cordell owned and operated by Ms. McKissick.

Frances attended Harding College, in Searcy, Arkansas from 1945-1948, after which she moved to Erie, Pennsylvania to find work. While in Erie, Frances was set up on a blind date with a handsome man named Amos. She and Amos married October 13, 1951. In 1955, they moved to the Los Angeles area for work. They settled in Pasadena, where they raised their two children, and were very active at the Pasadena Church of Christ. Frances worked in electronic inspections until the mid-60s. In the late 60s, she began working for the United States Postal Service where she held many roles through the years until her retirement in the early 90s.

Frances and Amos spent many of their weekends traveling up into the mountains near the Sequoia National Forest where they built a cabin for their retirement. Once both of them retired, they moved into their mountain cabin in Alta Sierra, California. In 1996, they moved to Edmond, Oklahoma and were very active in the Edmond Church of Christ. Frances loved to sew and was heavily involved in a program through the church called "You Are Special" where she sewed new school clothes for children who could not afford them.

A few years after her husband died, Frances' son convinced her to move closer to him, and she relocated to Waxahachie, Texas in 2002. She loved being able to be close to two of her grandchildren, including picking them up from school and helping them with homework. Frances became active at Brown Street Church of Christ and was a very faithful participant in the church's work with World Bible School, corresponding with people all over the globe to help them learn about God.

Frances was preceded in death by her husband, Amos Linward Henson, her parents, and her siblings: Glen Smethers, Wayne Smethers, and Ida May (Smethers) Slay.

Survivors include her daughter Rachel Dutcher and husband Pierpont, of Bend, Oregon; son Todd Henson and wife Sharon of Midlothian, Texas; grandchildren Sarah Adrienne Dutcher, of Portland, Oregon, Pierpont E. Dutcher V., of Livermore, California, Grady Benjamin Henson of Denton, Texas, and Julia Ann Henson, of Midlothian, Texas; and sister-in-law Reba Pixley, of Boothbay Harbor, Maine.

Memorial services will be held at 10am, Thursday, September 10, 2015 at Brown Street Church of Christ in Waxahachie, Texas.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

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

Brown Street Church of Christ  
2471 Brown Street  
Waxahachie, TX 75165

# Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Frances Marie Henson.*



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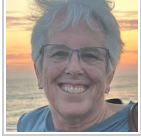
“ *My earliest memory in life reveals a 3-4 year old me sitting on the Haunted Mansion ride at Disneyland. As we arrive at the end of the ride, we approach the mirrors that show hitchhiking ghosts, one of which has found its way onto my lap. I am smiling as I hold the hands of the two people next to me: Grandpa Amos on my left, Grandma Fran on my right. That memory has stayed with me and is as vivid today as it was decades ago when I sat between them. It is not surprising that my mind latched onto Franny and Amos, being the wonderful and encouraging people they were.*

*Time has moved on and they both grew old and have departed to be with the Lord. But in my heart and my mind, they will always remain as the vibrant and lovely people I would visit every year. Looking back, I wish I had found more opportunities to spend with you.*

*Sweet dreams, Franny. I look forward to holding your and Amos' hands again, one day.*

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**Pierpont Dutcher** - September 08, 2015 at 10:51 PM



“ *I loved Fran. She was so great to me as Rachel's friend during our years at Pasadena Church of Christ. I remember her laughter and just loving us teens. To Rachel, Todd, and all the family - hold on to your Jesus, and, just like my Mom - now Fran has the best seat in the house. Praying for you. Love, Alice (Atwell) Sarazen.*

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**Alice Sarazen** - September 08, 2015 at 03:09 PM