



## Helen Smith Dale

August 18, 1919 - February 1, 2006

Helen Marie, daughter of Mary Margaret (Enos) and Melvin Smith was born in Alva on August 18, 1919. She passed away in Phoenix, Arizona on the 1st of February in 2003 at the age of 83 years, 5 months and 14 days.

She attended the Alva West Side Grade School, Junior High and the Alva High School where she graduated with the class of 1936. She worked at the Alva Public Library receiving \$10.00 per month.

Miss Smith was married to Steve Homer Dale in Alva on November 23, 1940 by the Reverend Ray Vaughan. To this marriage two daughters, Barbara and Dorothy, were born.

They made their home in Alva and Helen attended Northwestern State College and received her B.A. in English and Library Service in 1963. She received her Master's Degree at Prairie View A&M in 1968 in Secondary Education and Administration. Helen taught in Great Bend, Kansas for two years then in Newcastle and Rifle, Colorado for 16 years. In 1984 she retired and returned to Alva and in 1998 she moved to Phoenix, Arizona.

She was a member of the Alva First Presbyterian Church.

Miss Dale was preceded in death by her father on September 9, 1954 and her mother on May 14, 1987 as well as two sisters; Mable Smith on January 8, 1930 and Dorothy Dunning in 1983. Helen is survived by her two daughters; Barbara Dale of Rifle, Colorado and Dorothy Rowe of Phoenix, Arizona ~ an adopted son; Patrick Dale of Wichita, Kansas ~ 5 grandchildren; Troy Rowe, Tracy Rowe, Nancy Hunter, Don Gain and Lora Diaz ~ other relatives and

friends.

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