



## Fern Bennett Phillips

January 7, 1928 - July 24, 2019

Alice (Fern) Bennett Phillips died July 24, 2019 in Tulsa, Oklahoma where her home had been since she graduated from Huntsville HSVS in 1947. She worked for AT&T her entire career, retiring in 1986.

Fern was born near Wesley, AR on January 7, 1928 to Charles Allen Bennett and Margie Duncan Bennett. She was preceded in death by her husband Edmond (Leroy) Phillips, her brothers Tillman Franklin, Luther Lee, and Gerald Truman Bennett. Sisters Mildred Geneva Middlemas, Ona Lucretia Bennett, Talou Francis McCullough, and Imogene Bennett. Three nephews William Middlemas, Phillip Middlemas, and Lynn Bennett.

She is survived by a sister-in-law Charlene Taylor Bennett; cousin Genevieve Stroud, nieces Samantha Bennett Polen (David), Stacy Bennett, Diana Bennett Taldo (Terry), Vickie Bennett Campbell (Keith), Van Bennett and Chuck Middlemas (Debbie). She has multiple grand nieces and nephews.

In addition to her career at AT&T, Fern worked with her husband who operated Eastside Motors. She was passionate about cars, especially Corvettes. In the early 60's, she drove the first one to Tulsa from Kansas City; she said that she got stopped three times on that trip, not for speeding, but because the state troopers wanted to see that Corvette! She and Leroy belonged to the Corvette club and enjoyed club events for many years. A few weeks ago, KTUL News in Tulsa featured Fern's wish to ride in her favorite car one last time.

Fern had been a skilled ceramics painter, and pieces she created are treasured by family and friends. Her long-standing passions were attending auctions and buying collectibles, buying and managing rental real estate and playing bingo.

Aunt Fern is lovingly remembered by her nieces and nephews for sharing her home in Tulsa so that they could find work. She had a generous spirit and was always helping neighbors, friends and family members.

Samantha and her husband David Polen and their son Paul looked after Fern's needs in her later years and were with her in her last days as her health failed.

Fern will be buried in Alabam Cemetery in Madison County near her brother Gerald.

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“ I keep you all in my thoughts and prayers during this time of your loss. My love to all of you. Marggie

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