



## Mary Douglas

September 29, 1916 - October 25, 2011

Mary Orpha Douglas, 95, of Gravette, Arkansas, died October 25, 2011, at her home. She was born September 29, 1916, near Gravette, Arkansas, and was the daughter of John Franklin White and Octavia Holland White. Orpha graduated from Gravette High School in 1935. On March 29, 1942, she married Bruce Douglas in Gravette. She served as Benton County Tax Collector from 1943 through 1946 and was the office manager for the Gentry Journal – Advance from 1975 to October 1980. She was the first female tax collector in Benton County. Orpha was a member of the Gravette United Methodist Church and a 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bruce Douglas; two sons, Robert Douglas and Richard Douglas; a brother, Oliver White; and two sisters, Verba Lee Kays and Leda Young. Survivors include three daughters, Susan Holland and husband Jim and Nancy Spradling and husband Marlin, both of Gravette; and Mary Alice Douglas of Anderson, Missouri; one brother, William Holland White and wife Mary of Kansas City, Missouri; two sisters, Leta White of Gravette and Merle Estes of Tulsa, Oklahoma; seven grandchildren, David Douglas of Groton, CT, Mike Albright of Siloam Springs, Melissa Birchett of Hopewell, Virginia, Josiah Holland of Gravette, Laura Smith of Gravette, Dustan Smith and Jason Smith, both of Bentonville; 12 great grandchildren; nine nephews and three nieces. Visitation will be 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Friday, October 28, 2011, at Wasson Funeral home, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Funeral services will be 3:00 p.m., Saturday, October 29, at the Gravette

United Methodist Church, with Rev. Phil Sturdy officiating. Burial will follow at Douglas Cemetery in Highfill, Arkansas.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I remember Orpha as always being so kind and cheerful. As a child, I visited her and Bruce at their Gravette home, and I always enjoyed it. I know she's had severe problems, including the loss of 2 sons, so recent years have not been kind to her. I attended Richard's funeral, but can't come this time, as we're committed to attend a wedding in Rogers of a close friend's daughter at that same time. My prayers are with all of you.

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**John M. Douglas** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM

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“ Dear Family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.  
Please accept our heartfelt sympathies for your loss.

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**B J and Gale Smith** - September 19, 2012 at 11:24 AM