



Hannah Eunice Odom

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Hannah Eunice Huizenga Odom was born on July 25, 1920 in Englewood, New Jersey to Dr. Lee S. and Matilida Van Dyken Huizenga and left this world on October 25, 2017 at the age of 97 years and 3 months. Graveside services will be at 11:00 A.M. Saturday, October 28, 2017 at Elmwood Memorial Park in Abilene, Texas. A memorial service will then be held Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 2:00 P.M. at the Wheeler United Methodist Church in Wheeler, Texas.

Eunice was born into a missionary family and at the age of 2 months moved to begin her life in mainland China. Except for furloughs back to the United States, Eunice spent her childhood and young adulthood in China, even graduating from St. John's University in Shanghai, China. With the outbreak of World War II, Eunice and her family were interred in a Japanese concentration camp in Shanghai. Dr. Huizenga died while in the concentration camp and the remaining family finally returned to the United States in November of 1945 following the end of the war. Eunice continued the family's missionary work by moving to India to work as a laboratory technician in a mission hospital. It was there that she met a young missionary, Ralph A. Odom, and they were married on September 14, 1952. Rev. Ralph Odom became a member of the Northwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church serving as a pastor for the next 25 years with Eunice by his side. Together they served Methodist Churches in Amarillo, Adrian and Wildorado, Channing, Synder and Gail, Higgins, Claude, ODonnell and Draw and Fairmont UMC in Abilene. Eunice worked as a laboratory technician in various hospitals wherever they lived. Rev. Odom preceded her in death on December 1, 1977. Eunice remained in Abilene, Texas following his death until February of 1988, when she moved to Wheeler, Texas to help her daughter and son-in-law, Drs. Ben Ed and Lee Ann Hillhouse raise their 3 sons, living next door to their veterinary practice for almost 30 years.

Eunice is preceded in death by her parents, her beloved husband, her still born daughter, Angel, her two grandsons, Bryan Odom and Nathaniel Hillhouse and her sisters Ann Huizenga and Myrtle Wells.



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She is survived by her sister Faith Hondorp of Grand Rapids, Michigan and her brother Philip Huizenga and wife Marie of Grand Rapids, Michigan

She is also survived by her sons, Dr. Tim Odom and wife Linda of Graham, Texas, Terry Odom and wife Gina of Abilene, Mark Odom and wife Chris of Abilene, and Philip (Opie) Odom of Dallas as well as her daughter Dr. Lee Ann Hillhouse and husband, Dr. Ben Ed Hillhouse of Wheeler. She leaves behind 8 grandchildren : Missy Crago, Dr. Andrew Hillhouse, Melissa Odom-Thomas, Samuel Hillhouse, Kayla Roman-Wensing, Matthew Odom, Whittaker Odom and Phillip Odom and 10 great grandchildren as well as numerous much loved nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Wheeler United Methodist Church for the missions so close to her heart or to the Wheeler ISD Education Foundation for those children she loved so well. The family would like to give a special thanks to the staff of the Wheeler Nursing and Rehab Center.



Events

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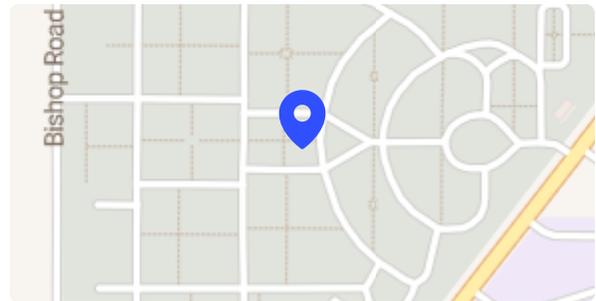
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Graveside Service

 **Saturday**, October 28, 2017

 11:00 AM CT

 **Elmwood Memorial Park**
5726 US 277, Abilene TX 79606

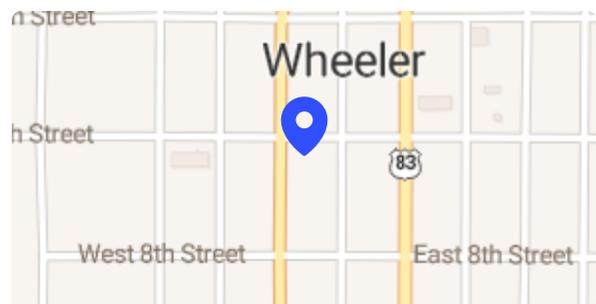


Memorial Service

 **Sunday**, October 29, 2017

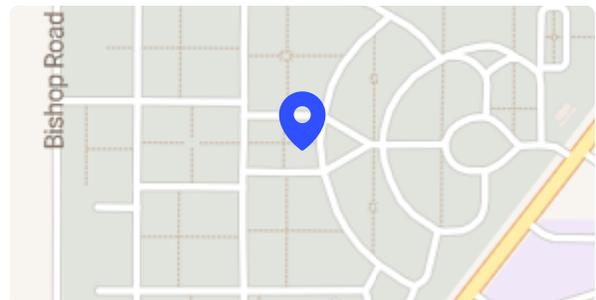
 2:00 PM CT

 **First Methodist Church - Wheeler**
704 S. Main, Wheeler TX 79096



Cemetery Details

 **Elmwood Memorial Park**
5726 US 277, Abilene TX 79606





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Lee Bowen posted:

Lee Ann, I am so sorry for your loss but so blessed by the story of your mother written here. What a blessing she must have been and I know you will miss her. You and Ben Ed and family are in my prayers. Lee Bowen

November 3 at 9:42 AM



Delbert Thomas posted:

We are so very sorry. We have you in our thoughts & prayers. In sympathy & friendship, Delbert, Jane, Drew & DKylie

October 30 at 4:20 AM



Dora Caffey posted:

From our family to yours, we are praying for you during this hard time. Prayers and Peace from the Caffey Family.

October 27 at 5:23 PM



Anonymous sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Odom family.

October 27 at 4:23 PM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Odom family.

October 27 at 1:47 PM



Anonymous sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Odom family.

October 27 at 11:49 AM





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Poodle Eddleman posted:

Tim---- Theresa and I send our condolences to you and your family. As a kid growing up in a small town.....your mother was always kind to us and tolerate of some of our small town antics.

October 27 at 6:34 AM



Vickie Milam lit a candle in honor of Hannah.



October 27 at 2:33 AM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Odom family.



October 26 at 3:45 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Hannah by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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