



## Ragna Elizabeth Blake

June 11, 1910 - January 31, 2009

A Celebration of Life for Ragna Elizabeth Pearce Blake, 98, of Pauls Valley will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, February 5 in the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Bob Kanary officiating. Ragna died Saturday, January 31 in her home after a nine year valiant fight with pulmonary fibrosis. She will be buried beside her husband, Roger T. Blake, in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Pauls Valley, under the direction of Wooster Funeral Home.

Ragna E. was born June 11, 1910 in Foster, Oklahoma, the daughter of Ragna Nymoen and Franklin Jackson Pearce. She was named after her mother, Ragna Nymoen, and after her father's oldest sister, Elizabeth Frances Pearce. As a small child she was baptized by an itinerate preacher in the Foster schoolhouse, used as a church. As an only child, she was taught reading, writing, and arithmetic by her father. At five years old Ragna started first grade at Foster, and because of her accelerated learning, was immediately promoted to the third grade. She attended school at Foster until 1921, when her family moved to Pauls Valley and she entered the 8th grade. Ragna E.'s first schooling in Pauls Valley was in Jr. High School which, at that time, was the present day Jackson Grade School. She and Jane (Bowman) Blanton often caught a ride to school on the tailgate of Mac Q. Williamson's pick-up. Ragna grew up in the home at 810 N. Ash.

When she was eleven years old, on Easter Sunday Morning, Ragna joined the

Pauls Valley First United Methodist Church and has been a faithful lifetime member. Many a time, she has giggled and told of her eleven friends that joined the church with her that same day. She said, “we were all going to be missionaries. All of us are still active in some church, but none of us were ever missionaries.”

She attended schools in Pauls Valley, graduating from Pauls Valley High School in May 1926, just before her 16th birthday. She received the honor of Valedictorian of her high school class. After attending Randolph-Macon Women’s College in Lynchburg, VA for one year, Ragna then entered Oklahoma University September 1927 and pledged Pi Beta Phi Sorority. Because of her father’s failing health, she dropped out of school for one semester, but returned to school and graduated from O.U. in 1931, Phi Beta Kappa, with a BS in Business Administration.

Right after graduation, she worked for Jack Kinnebrew in the automobile business in Oklahoma City. At that time she lived with the Green family. In the spring of 1935, Ragna became ill with a severe case of flu and came home to Pauls Valley to recuperate. She was offered a job in the Court Clerk’s office and worked there until July 1936.

March 8, 1936, Ragna and Roger T. Blake married in the Pauls Valley First United Methodist Church. They lived their entire life in Pauls Valley.

Ragna was an active member of Chapter AR PEO for 71 years and in 1995 was given permission to select the charter list to organize Chapter GJ of Ada, which was the 185th Oklahoma PEO Chapter. In April 2002, Chapter AR PEO honored Ragna by establishing the “Oklahoma P.E. O. Projects Fund, Inc./Ragna Blake Scholarship.” She was a member of United Methodist Women, active in the Martha Ruth Circle, an Honorary Lifetime member of the Norman Chapter of the Embroidery Guild of America, a 25 year member of

Pitch Club, and enjoyed many activities within the Methodist Church including making bibs for nursing homes, rummage sales, and Lunch Bunch. At the time of her death, Ragna was one of the oldest members of the Pauls Valley First United Methodist Church.

Ragna had quite a sense of humor, and after all her many accomplishments, she always said her claim to fame was that she was born on the day the Oklahoma Capitol was moved from Guthrie to Oklahoma City.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father, two sisters and one brother, all buried at Foster, OK. Her husband, Roger Blake died September 25, 1979 and a daughter-in-law, Stacey Blake died September 20, 1990.

Surviving Ragna are one daughter, Beverly Blake Evans and husband, Ralph of Enid; four sons; Pearce Blake of Pauls Valley; Joe Blake of Oklahoma City; John Blake and wife, Susanne of Pauls Valley; and Steve Blake and wife Sandie of Oklahoma City. Also nine grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren; Mary Ragna Evans Yetter and husband, Erich, and Evan, Clara and Jacob of Peoria, IL; Blake Evans and wife, Marisa, Jordan and Alexandria of Studio City, CA; Paul Evans and wife, Kathy, and Dalton, Logan, and Mason of Lebanon, MO; Jeff Blake and wife, Emily, and Annie of Oklahoma City; Shannon Blake Walker and husband, Robert, and J.J. of Conway, AR; Stephanie Blake Russell and husband, Jamie, and Max, Zeke and Blake of Oklahoma City; Chris Blake and wife, Shelly, and Selah of Glen Rose, TX; Boston Blake of San Francisco, CA; and Savannah Blake of Jackson, Wyoming; also Susanne Blake's children; Dawn Trubey Agnew and husband, Xavier, and Ariana and Evelyn of Stinson Beach, CA; and John Trubey and wife, Myrna, and John Pearce and Daniel of Dallas, TX. Ragna also leaves a wonderful caregiver and friend, Virginia Roark. A special thanks to Michelle Coffey, Lyda Owens, Lorene Anderson and Valley Hospice.

In lieu of flowers two charities are suggested: The Pauls Valley First United Methodist Church and Okla. P.E.O. Projects Fund, Inc./Ragna Blake Scholarship. Memorials can be given through the funeral home. You may send a condolence to the family at [www.woosterfuneralhomes.com](http://www.woosterfuneralhomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 2. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home and Cremation Services (Pauls Valley)  
1601 South Chickasaw  
Pauls Valley, OK

## Visitation

FEB 3. 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home and Cremation Services (Pauls Valley)  
1601 South Chickasaw  
Pauls Valley, OK

## Visitation

FEB 4. 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home and Cremation Services (Pauls Valley)  
1601 South Chickasaw  
Pauls Valley, OK

## Service

FEB 5. 1:30 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church- Pauls Valley  
407 N. Willow Street  
Pauls Valley, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ragna Elizabeth Blake*

November 12, 2022 at 02:44 AM



“ *Ragna has always been a dear friend to the Thompson family...so much so that Ragna and you, her family, feel like a part of ours. Her commitment and faith have always been apparent and set a wonderful example for our church family. When we think of Ragna, we recall Proverbs 31: 10-31. Surely, these verses exemplify your beloved mother and our dear friend. We'll miss her. We are so thankful that she was a part of our lives. May God Bless You Each. May He give you comfort and peace. Our love to you.##imported-begin##Joe & Carolyn ##imported-end##*

February 23, 2009 at 09:31 PM



“ *Mother -- I know you are in a far better place and God far surpassed my prayers for a peaceful death, but the day you died a part of my soul went with you. We were always a team and still are. I love you.*

*Beverly##imported-begin##Beverly##imported-end##*

February 15, 2009 at 05:36 PM



“ Joe, Jeff and Emily, Shannon and Robert and kids,  
My thoughts and prayers will hopefully reach you. My parents  
always loved chatting with Ragna when when had the fortune to be  
in her company. For me I was busy playing with the cousins. I know  
she will be greatly missed, but thank the Lord she is now home.  
May HIS HOLY angels wrap themselves around you for comfort  
during this difficult time. peace, blessings and prayers always, Love  
from the land of OZzzzz Shauna.##imported-begin##Shauna  
Stewart Hougham##imported-end##

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February 05, 2009 at 04:17 PM



“ My prayers are with the family as they know that Aunt Ragna is with  
her Jesus in Heaven today. God Bless you all.##imported-  
begin##Bettianne Morris##imported-end##

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February 05, 2009 at 10:42 AM



“ Our prayers are for the celebration of Aunt Ragna'a life. Look at the  
legacy she has left and remember all of the fun times we as family  
had at the Paul's Valley homestead. Be comforted for she is at  
peace.##imported-begin##Frank and Carol Andrews##imported-  
end##

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February 05, 2009 at 10:27 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear Mother. She was such a lovely person. I was amazed by all of her accomplishments. You were all truly blessed to have had so many years to share with this wonderful woman. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Judy (Irwin) Weaver##imported-end##

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February 04, 2009 at 08:27 PM



“ John and Susanne Blake:

*I have just learned of your loss of Ragna. I am so very sorry. No words can negate the loss.*

*I will be unable to attend the funeral, but you and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Ragna certainly set the bar high. Reading of her many accomplishments made me smile. She certainly put light in the lives of others.*

*Gary Beadles##imported-begin##Gary Beadles##imported-end##*

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February 04, 2009 at 04:27 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your families.##imported-begin##Jane Calton Welch##imported-end##

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February 04, 2009 at 11:50 AM



“ *John and Susanne,  
Our hearts are with you during this sad time. We will keep you in our prayers. We love you both and we just wanted to express our sorrow for you and your family. What a wonderful life she lived. Love, Peggy and Ronnie###imported-begin###Ronnie and Peggy Patton###imported-end##*

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February 04, 2009 at 10:23 AM



“ *Such a fantastic lady!###imported-begin###Pastor Bob###imported-end##*

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February 03, 2009 at 11:07 PM



“ *What a wonderful legacy Rogna Blake left for her family. Before Suzanne became a member of the Blake family our Grandmother, Mother and Aunts would always speak in such high regard of Mrs. Blake. Her light will shine through each of you.*

*Thinking of you and remembering you in prayer, Sharon and Tom Davis###imported-begin###Sharon and Tom Davis###imported-end##*

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February 03, 2009 at 06:16 PM



“ I am sadden this day to read of Ragna passing. She was the kindest and gentlest woman I ever knew. My thoughts and Prayers are with the family in this tme of sorrow. May Our heavenly Father Bless and keep you.

May your heart be touched by the love you have known and the joys you have shared, May you find comfort in knowing that caring, gentle thoughts are with you now.

With my deepest Sympathy###imported-begin##Harold Bradley###imported-end##

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February 03, 2009 at 01:37 PM



“ What joy to celebrate a life that was lived so fully! It would be so nice to be there. We are thinking and praying for you daily.

All of our love

The Agnews###imported-begin##Dawn, Xavier, Ariana and Evelyn###imported-end##

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February 03, 2009 at 12:25 PM



“ God's love to you all!###imported-begin##jana###imported-end##

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February 03, 2009 at 10:47 AM



“ *What a privilege to have known such a wonderful Christian example. I loved Ragna and was always learning when I was around her. She is the kind of person we should all strive to be. She always thought of family, her Church, the needs of others and her community. Our sympathy goes out to her family. Bless you all for caring for her in such wonderful style. She taught you well. With our Love and Prayers! Alice & Bob Austin*”

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February 03, 2009 at 09:45 AM



“ *I was so sorry to hear about Mrs. Blake's death. These are the times that knowing of her strong faith will give you comfort.*”

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February 03, 2009 at 09:38 AM



“ *One of my favorite mothers not my own. Beverly, John, Joe, Pearce, Steve - all tributes to this great woman.*”

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February 02, 2009 at 11:21 PM



“ *Ragna was a lovely lady. Her lively spirit, dedication to her children, quilt making and baby balls will always be in my memory. My prayers go with the family during this time. 98 yrs on this earth is just a speck compared to her eternity in heaven.*

*Love and prayers,  
Susie*”

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February 02, 2009 at 07:38 PM



“ *I feel blessed to have known Ragna! She was a very sweet lady.  
Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

*God Bless##imported-begin##Tonya Watkins##imported-end##*

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February 02, 2009 at 02:30 PM