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Sandra Blankenship Cook Memorial Scholarship

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Sandra Cook, a retired office manager, homemaker and mother, died Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2005 at her home in Crawford, GA. She was 71 years-old and a resident of Oglethorpe County, GA. for over 40 years.

Mrs. Cook, who retired from her job as office manager for Nichols Land and Investment Company in Athens, GA. in 1994, died after having battled bladder cancer for three years.

Mrs. Cook was born Aug. 13, 1934 in Guymon. She attended college at Panhandle State University in Goodwell where she met her husband, M.K. "Curly" Cook, who was also attending OPSU. Mr. and Mrs. Cook were married in 1955. On June 6, 2005, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with parties in Sanger, Texas and in Athens, GA.

After completing their college degrees, they moved to Georgia to work on a ranch, and later to Athens, GA. where he attended the University of Georgia and worked for the Extension Service. The Cooks bought a farm in Oglethorpe County, GA. and lived there together until Mrs. Cook's death.

Before becoming office manager for the Nichols Land and Investment Company, Sandra taught business and typing classes at Oglethorpe County High School. Sandra enjoyed traveling and playing bridge, but her passion was cooking and entertaining. She was regarded an excellent cook, and friends and family have fond memories of meals at the Cook home.

Sandra was well-known for her kindness to and respect for others. For volunteer work at the church, her lovely disposition and her positive attitude, she was admired and loved by many her church and community.

She lived a full, dignified life, marked by her compassion for others. Church was an important part of her life, being an active member of Tuckston United Methodist Church in Athens for almost 40 years.

This memorial scholarship was established by donations from family and friends.