

Richard R. and Marguerite M. Roth Downer Memorial Scholarships

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Marguerite Roth Downer

Marguerite Marie, daughter of Clara (Tretbar) and George Roth was born on a farm near Tyrone, Oklahoma on May 20, 1921. She passed away at the Alva Share Medical Center on the 28th of February at the age of 76 years, 9 months and 7 days.

She attended the Tyrone Grade School and graduated from the high school. She received her B. A. Degree from Panhandle A and M at Goodwell, her master's degree from Colorado State Teacher's College, additional credits from Emporia State Teacher's College, Rosary Hill College at Buffalo, New York and Adam State College at Alamosa, Colorado.

She taught for two years in rural grade schools in Beaver County, Oklahoma, eight years in the third through sixth grades in Tyrone, Oklahoma, one year of third grade in Hooker, Oklahoma, eight years in the fifth grade at Garden City, Kansas where she also served six years as an elementary principal, two years in the fifth grade for the Department of Defense in Tachikowa, Japan and two years in Boblingen, Germany and three years in teacher's education at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. She retired in 1973.

Miss Roth was married to Richard Downer on December 21, 1972 at Alva, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Downer was a member of the Alva First United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Women, Chapter C of P. E. O., the B. P. W., the American Association of University women, Delta Kappa Gamma, the Twentieth Century Club, Nescatunga Arts Council, Women's Hospital Auxiliary, a life member of P. T. A. and the N. E. A and the Literary Group. She did extensive traveling to Japan, the Phillipines, western Belgium, Luxembourg, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Greece, Italy, Yugoslavia, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Ireland, Indiana, Maylasia, Hong Kong, Singapore, Germany, Switzerland, France, England and the southwestern United States. Her hobbies were reading, listening to music, doing crossword puzzles, embroidery and walking.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, Minnie, Esther and Freda and a brother, Herman.

Marguerite is survived by her husband, Dick Downer of the home and a sister, Elda Martin of Cheyenne Wells, Colo., several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Richard Rentfrow Downer

Richard Rentfrow Downer, son of D.W. Downer and Laura Jane (Rentfrow) Downer, was born September 6, 1925, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He passed away at Share Medical Center, Alva, on the 14th of January, 2005, at the age of 79 years, 3 months and 8 days.

He was admitted to the Oklahoma Bar in 1949 and began his law practice in Alva in 1954. In 1964, Tom J. McDaniel became a law partner with Richard, and in 1975, Larry L. Bays became a partner in the firm of Downer, McDaniel and Bays.

He was City Attorney for Alva from 1954 to 1959; City Attorney for Waynoka from 1959 to 1967; President of the Oklahoma Association of Municipal Attorneys in 1959; Member of Judicial Council of Oklahoma, 1965-70; Phi Alpha Delta fraternity; Member of Woods County Bar (Secretary 1961-1962) (President 1963-1964); and a member of the American and Oklahoma Bar Associations. He was also a member of the First United Methodist Church of Alva and a 32^o Scottish Rite Mason.

On December 21, 1972, he was married to Marguerite M. Roth. Mrs. Downer passed away on February 28, 1998.