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J. Cooper and Gladys Webb West Scholarship

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Gladys West was a student at PAMC in the 1930's. J. Cooper West is an Elk City businessman. Mr. and Mrs. West are lifetime members of the Alumni Association. Gladys passed away in 2012.

Gladys Thelma Webb was born to Oscar and Effie Webb on October 3, 1916, near Hooker, Oklahoma, and passed away Thursday, June 21, 2012 at the age of 95. Gladys attended Grade School in Blackwell, Oklahoma, graduated from Guymon High School, attended Panhandle State University and graduated from Northwestern State University with a B.A. Degree in History and Economics and a teaching certificate in 1938. She grew up in the panhandle during the worst of the dust storm days. She married Cooper West on December 24, 1937, during their senior year in college. After graduating they moved to Woodward in 1938. Cooper was employed with the Zenith Gas Company. Cooper enlisted the Navy in 1944. Following his discharge in 1946, Cooper, Gladys and two children - Gail and John moved to Elk City where they established the Cooper West Agency. A second daughter, Nancy, was born in Elk City. The agency sold insurance, houses & real estate and later, oil/gas leasing. Gladys assisted in many of these endeavors. When the children were young, Gladys was active in Brownies, Girl Scouts and school activities. Gladys is a long time member of the First Baptist Church and a life member of Cultus Club. She and Cooper were charter members of the Elk City Golf and Country Club. They have been very supportive of educational and historical endeavors.