

GLORIA REDFIELD RIGGS

Obituary



Gloria Redfield Riggs passed away Sunday, Feb. 20, 2011 in Prescott, AZ where she had lived with her daughter, Julie Young and her family for the last year and a half. Daughter of M.R. and LaVada (Buster) Wilson, Gloria was born in Chanute, Kansas Oct. 25, 1928, She graduated from Manhattan High School,

Manhattan, Kansas in 1946, then attended Cottey College in Nevada, Missouri and graduated from Emporia State Teachers College with a degree in Art and Music. Gloria taught elementary school in Barstow Unified School District for many years, finishing her 27 year teaching career as an art teacher at Barstow High School. After retirement, Gloria moved to Hesperia with her husband, John Riggs and directed her time to her first love, watercolor painting. She also enjoyed other media such as oil, pastel, acrylic and doing ceramic and bronze sculpture. She was recognized many times for her art of the Southwest and was accepted in many juried exhibits. Some of her watercolors can be viewed at [www.GloriaRedfieldRiggs .com](http://www.GloriaRedfieldRiggs.com). Gloria was a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood and Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority. Gloria also loved music and had a beautiful soprano voice. She performed in local community theater and had lead roles in "Fiddler on the Roof" and "The King and I". She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, Robert Wilson, sister Coral Douglass, and son Randy Redfield. She is survived by her daughters, Kerry Stapp and husband, Jerry of Barstow, CA, Julie Young and husband James of Chino Valley, AZ, son Keith Redfield and wife Suzanne of Los Altos, CA. and sister, Eloise Smith and husband, Kent of Burlington, KS as well as grandchildren, Adam and Rachel Redfield, Tracy and Kristy Stapp, Amelia Redfield, Charlotte, Kara and James Young, five great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.