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Louise Deering

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Funeral services for Ollie Louise Deering, 95, will be at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, January 24, 2009 at Ford Chapel of First Baptist Church, Lubbock with Reverend John Ballard officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home.

Louise passed away January 19, 2009 in San Antonio. She was born June 26, 1913 in Lubbock, TX to the late John and Ollie McIlhaney.

Louise, Lubbock artist, has the good fortune to have had as her first teachers, while she was in her 'teens, two artists who later became internationally recognized: Xavier Gonzales of New York and Lubbock's own late, great Bess Hubbard. Later instructors included nationally known Helen Van Wyk, Ramon Froman, Daniel Green and William Henry Earl. After marriage to Gordon Deering, a LISD teacher and principal and raising three children, Louise renewed her art study with Lubbock artists Conny Martin and Thelma Clark Griggs. Louise has taught Lubbock Art Association classes at the Municipal Garden & Arts Center and private classes in her home studio. She has demonstrated painting at LAA's annual Gala, the Garden & Arts Center's Fiesta and the Lubbock Arts Festival, and has judged art shows, taught workshops and presented demonstrations in other Texas and New Mexico communities. Louise was the Featured Artist in the Lubbock Art Association's Annual One Person Show for Past Presidents in the Exhibition of Paintings at the Municipal Garden & Arts Center January 11-25, 1987.

Texas cities in which her work is owned include Lubbock, Dallas, San Antonio, Austin, Brownwood and Comanche as well as Denver and Colorado Springs, Colorado; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Washington D.C.; Albany, Georgia; and Rockingham, North Carolina. Louise is a charter member of the Lubbock Art Association and was LAA president in 1976. She exhibited and received awards in numerous Texas and New Mexico cities during the years 1971-91.

Louise is survived by her son, Gordon Morris Deering, Jr. of San Antonio; daughter, Beverly Gayle West of Ft Worth; son Gary Kirk Deering of Lubbock; grandchildren, Sharla Deering Manale of Lubbock, Karina West Hilton of Garland, Carey Scott Deering of San Antonio, Karlon Keith West of Pflugerville, and Kristin West Robbins of Ft. Worth; and 9 great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Gordon Morris Deering; brothers, Joe Singleton McIlhaney, Sam McIlhaney, William McIlhaney, Jess McIlhaney, Jack McIlhaney, and George Truett McIlhaney; and a sister, Johnye McIlhaney Gholson.



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