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Ollie Louise Deering

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Funeral services for Ollie Louise Deering, 95, will be 1:30 p.m. Saturday, January 24, 2009 at the Ford Chapel of First Baptist Church in 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 to the late John and Ollie McLhaney.

Louise, a Lubbock artist, had 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, an LISD teacher and principal and raising three children, Louise renewed her art study with Lubbock artists, Conny Martin and Thelma Clark Griggs. Louise had taught Lubbock Art Association classes at the Municipal Garden & Arts Center and private classes in her home studio. She had 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 on 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, Colo.; Albuquerque, N.M.; Washington, D.C.; Albany, Ga.; and Rockingham, N.C.

Louise was 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 from 1971 to 1991.

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 nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon Morris Deering; brothers, Joe Singleton McLhaney, Sam McLhaney, William McLhaney, Jess McLhaney, Jack McLhaney, and George Truett McLhaney; and a sister, Johnye McLhaney Gholson.

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