

Helen Pauline Kopecky

August, 22, 1927 – March 6, 2025

Helen Pauline Kopecky, 97, was born on August 22, 1927, on her parents' ranch in Runnels County, TX, and passed away on March 6, 2025. After graduating from high school in Ballinger, TX, she attended Colorado Women's College, Texas Tech University, and Southwestern University. She completed a master's degree in business at the University of Texas, Austin, and a Ph.D. in economics at the University of Houston. Pauline taught at Lee College, Baytown, TX; Sam Houston University, Huntsville, TX; and Oklahoma State University from 1967 until retiring in 1997. In addition to teaching economics, she served as OSU's first affirmative action officer for 15 years. She also taught at OSU, Kameoka, Japan. During her retirement, she created a farm in LeFlore County, building a house and raising miniature donkeys, llamas, and black angus cattle. Pauline's interests included traveling, playing bridge, collecting antiques, collecting Japanese dolls, and collecting Native American artwork. She is survived by her daughter, Paula Kay, son, Jeff, and grandchildren Adam Lynch and Chris Kopecky.

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