

## Beverly Perkins

May 4, 1936 – January 3, 2025

Beverly Perkins, 88, was born on May 4, 1936, to Palmer O. and Pauline Robson in York County Nebraska and passed away on January 3, 2025, in Stillwater, OK. She was the youngest of three children, having two older brothers, Tom and Don, both predeceasing her. She graduated from high school in 1948 as valedictorian. Beverly attended Nebraska Wesleyan University for two years after which she attended dental school at the University of Missouri, Kansas City, where she majored in dental hygiene. Beverly's next stop was Lincoln, NE, where she worked as a dental hygienist. She and Larry Perkins met on a blind date in Lincoln, and they married on August 30, 1959, a union that lasted 65 years until she passed away. Beverly continued working as a dental hygienist in Syracuse, NY, when Larry was working on his doctorate. They then moved to Muncie, IN, for Larry's first job, where their two children were born: Stephen (1964) and Andrew (1968). In 1968, they moved to Stillwater, OK, when Larry accepted a position in the Department of Sociology at Oklahoma State University. Beverly subsequently continued working as a dental hygienist in Stillwater and was employed by Dr. William Gray, retiring in 1959. She became very involved in her sons' activities, was a skilled homemaker, and participated in numerous church and community activities, all of which she managed with grace and class. After both she and Larry retired, they continued to enjoy fellowship with long-time close friends but also read voraciously, gardened, and traveled widely. In addition to her husband and sons, she is survived by her brother-in-law, Jerry, as well as numerous nephews, nieces, and their children.