

Naomi E. Von Gunten

September 24, 1923 – March 3, 2025

Naomi Elizabeth Oursler, 101, was born on September 24, 1923, in Dill City, OK, to Rev. Clark Mortimer and Irene Florence (Duff) Oursler and passed away in Stillwater, OK, on March 3, 2025. After graduating from high school in Warner in May 1941, she attended Connors State College for one year before transferring to Oklahoma State University in the summer of 1942. She graduated with a B.S. in home economics in July 1944, after which she moved to Boston, MA, where she completed a one-year dietetic internship at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital and worked for one year as a therapeutic dietician at Faulkner Hospital. Naomi returned to Stillwater in the summer of 1946 where she managed OSU's main cafeteria, which fed 1100 GIs. It was also here where she met Captain (later Colonel) Robert Lewis Von Gunten. Naomi and Robert were married on May 30, 1947, in Stillwater. Bob became the manager of the Dairy Production Plant at OSU. Naomi and Bob had four children: Lynn, Betty, and twins Barbara and Robert. Bob and Naomi were married for 43 years. Naomi was active in her church and in the community and especially in Girl Scouts and in Parent-Teacher Associations in Will Rogers and Jefferson schools. In addition, she was very involved in her church's music committee. She was also an avid OSU athletics fan. She and Bob traveled extensively in the United States and throughout the world. In addition, she was active in the Emeriti Association, Alumni Association, and Posse Club. Naomi was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her brothers, Robert Clark and Edward Oursler, and her son-in-law, Earl Witt. She is survived by her four children, Lynn Witt, Betty (Ken) Meyer, Barbara (Jeff) Moran, and Robert Von Gunten. She is also survived by her seven grandchildren, and her six great-grandchildren.