



## Mary Layton Manley

September 22, 1914 - July 9, 2009

### Manley

Mary Layton Manley was a bright student, graduating high school at the age of 16, entering Mary Hardin Baylor University on a scholarship. She was not able to continue past her first year, from the lack of two dollars a month support money and the need at home to help feed and support her six younger brothers and sisters through the Great Depression. Her larger than-life spirit and brilliant attitude carried her throughout all of her achievements, from being one of the first and most celebrated women of real estate sales in Dallas to championing as a female golfer, playing alongside Babe Didrikson Zaharias, or organizing and hosting activities for any and every community of which she was a part. Later in life she became the matriarch of the Cherokee Nation of Mexico, leading pilgrimages to the gravesite of famed Cherokee Silversmith, Sequoyah. She was a pioneer in every sense and spent her last days on a beautiful trip with her family, laughing all the way. Mary was born on September 22, 1914 and went to be with the Lord on July 9, 2009 at the age of 94. She is preceded in death by her first husband, George T. Rogers and by her husband Hank Manley. She is survived by her sons, Dr. Charles Rogers and wife Sheron and by George T. Rogers; sister, Barbara Jean Garrett; brothers, John L. Layton and Kipling F. Layton; grandchildren, Amy R. Wood and Charles S. Rogers; great granddaughter, Aria Wood, numerous nieces and nephews and a host of friends.



# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mary was one of the first neighbors we met when we bought the marina 30 years ago. She was as delightful when we saw her a few months ago, as she was then. We will miss her.* ”

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**Keith & Carol Regnier** - July 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Thanks for being my family* ”

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**Cindy Kelley and Jim Atkinson** - July 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM