

# Jessie (Jackie) Lee Plaxico

December 2, 1927- December 22, 2023

Jessie (Jackie) Lee Plaxico, 96, was born in Elberton, GA, on December 2, 1927, and passed away on December 22, 2023. Graduating from high school at age 16, she immediately went to work for Western Union, first in Elberton, then in Georgetown, SC, and eventually in Clemson, SC, which is where she met her future husband, James Plaxico. They were married on December 29, 1945. After James completed his bachelor's and master's degrees from Clemson, they moved to Blacksburg, VA, where James taught at Virginia Polytechnic University (now Virginia Tech). It was here that Jackie began working on a college degree. From here, the Plaxicos moved to Stillwater, OK, when James accepted a position in the Agricultural Economics Department at Oklahoma State University. Their three sons, James, Alan, and David were born in Virginia, and their daughter, Cheryl, was born in Stillwater, OK. Jackie was a very active mother, participating in many of their school, church, community activities. She also participated in a number of community activities and was recognized by the *Stillwater News Press* for her considerable community service. In 1973, Jackie completed work on a college degree at Oklahoma State University in language arts, which was put to use as a language arts teacher at Stillwater Junior High School. During this time, she was recognized as the Teacher of the Year. She is survived by her husband, James; son, David; daughter, Cheryl; as well as six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Two sons predeceased her: Alan in 2020 and James in 2022.