



## Mary Margaret "Curly" Neal

July 15, 1924 - June 10, 2013

Mary Margaret "Curly" Neal died on June 10, 2013 at the Vi Assisted Living Facility in Palo Alto, Calif. She was 88 years old.

Curly was born on July 15, 1924 in Miami, Okla. to Charles A. and Vena M. Neal. She graduated from Miami High School in 1942, Ward Belmont College in Nashville, Tenn. in 1944 and Northwestern University with a BS in Chemistry in 1946.

She worked as a chemist for Baxter Laboratories, Great Lakes Carbon Company and Shell Development Company before returning to Northwestern University to obtain a Masters Degree in Physical Education in 1955. She worked as a tennis coach and PE instructor at San Jose State until 1964 when she moved to teach at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif. There she was coach of the Women's tennis team and Dean of Women's Physical Education until her retirement in 1985. She lived in Palo Alto until her death. Her parents and brother preceded her in death. She is survived by three nieces and one nephew and their children: Mary Neal (husband Bob Charity and daughter Maggie Charity) in University City, Mo.; Elizabeth Edwards (daughters Lauren and Claire) in Argyle, Texas; Jane Neal in Miami, Okla.; and Chuck Neal (wife Ann, daughter Kelsey and sons Spencer and Sam) in Miami, Okla.

Curly loved tennis, sports, travel, reading, muffins, jokes, bicycling, walking and people. Always cheerful and warm, she touched many lives with her friendship and smiles. Ever elegant and gracious she will be missed and

remembered.

Services are pending with the Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami. She will be buried with her parents and brother in Miami, Okla.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Stanford University tennis program.

Family and Friends may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Curly's Tribute Page at [www.brown-winters.com](http://www.brown-winters.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Grand Army of the Republic

2801 North Main Street  
Miami, OK 74354

# Previous Events

## Service

JUN 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church - Miami  
200 B NW  
Miami, OK 74354  
<http://www.fumcmiami.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Margaret "Curly" Neal*



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**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - June 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I am so sorry about Aunt Curlys passing. She was a lovely lady and know she will be missed by all who knew her.*

*Letty Goldenberg*

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**Letty Goldenberg** - June 13, 2013 at 12:47 PM