

Known as Eve to her many friends and Grandma Eve to her loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren, died Tuesday, June 5, 2007 in Tucson after what she called her "long and wonderful life" and a brief illness. She was 86.

Born in 1920 in Independence, Kansas, Eve grew up in Tucson and came home to Tucson three years ago to live out her remaining years near her daughter and "her mountains." She and her husband, Francis Bellard raised a family of four children in Beaumont, Texas. She lived and worked in Houston for 28 years, retiring in 1986 from General Motors. For the past 20 years, she was an active volunteer in the West Houston Medical Center Auxiliary, serving as president in 1995. After moving to Tucson she became active in the St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary. Eve loved to paint, and she painted many beautiful images of the Arizona she loved, as well as many other scenes of nature that were special to her. She also loved to make crafts, which she sold for charity.

Eve was preceded in death by her brothers, Carl Blake and Jack Blake, and her sister, Pauline White. She is survived by her children: son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Nancy Bellard of Houston, Texas, son and daughter-in-law, Tommy and Terry Bellard of Stafford, Texas, son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Kim Bellard of Beaumont, Texas, daughter and future son-in-law, Betty Bellard and Schane Lambert of Rancho Cucamonga, CA, Monica and Jason Barnett of Houston, Kate Bellard and Kelly Bellard of Beaumont, TX, and Sarah and Tommy Gardner of Tucson. Eve had eight great grandchildren: Quincy, Andrew, Hannah, Ana, Mia, Madeline and Jack. She also is survived by nieces and nephews, Carol Massey, Julie Blake, Mike and Liz Blake, Brad Blake, Sally and Mike Milich, John and Suzanne Stafford, and grandnieces and nephews, Jodi, Roxi, Catherine and Stuart, and great-grandniece and nephew, Nadia and Jackson.

Memorial services will be held Friday at 10:00 a.m. at EVERGREEN MORTUARY CHAPEL, 3015 N. Oracle Rd. in Tucson. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Arrangements by EVERGREEN MORTUARY & CEMETERY, N. Oracle & W. Miracle Mile.

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