Martha Parcher

Martha Hoff Parcher, 78, Stillwater, died Monday, June 9, 2003, in Stillwater Medical Center.

Services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday in the First United Methodist Church. The Rev. Stanley M. Warfield Jr. will officiate. Interment will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens. The family will greet friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday. Funeral services are under the direction of Strode Funeral Home.

She was born April 19, 1925, in Lebanon, Ohio, to Alonzo Eric Ruckman and Hilda Grace (Mulford) Ruckman. She attended schools in Dayton and Lebanon. After graduating school, she attended Oklahoma State University. She married James Vernon Parcher Aug 7,1943, in New Haven, Conn. He died May 2, 1996. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

She was a homemaker and belonged to several civic organizations: Stillwater Women's Club, Church Women United, UMW, St. Cecelia Music Club, Courtesy Chair of Lahoma, Cimarron Valley Quilters Guild, Early Bird and Presbyterian Bowling Leagues, Mobile Meals Supervisor, Oklahoma Society of Professional Engineers Auxiliary, Tuesday Afternoon and Wednesday Night Bridge Clubs, Hobby Clubs, Girl Scouts Representative on the Lake McMurtry Board and Ecumenical District Chair of Church Women United for many years. Parcher was recognized as a "Hometown Hero" by the NewsPress.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, and sister, Hazel Grover, Richmond, Ind.

She is survived by two sons, James Robert Parcher, Stillwater, and David Loris Parcher, Glendale, Calif; three daughters, Carol Susan McLeod and husband Ken, Sheridan, Ore., Dee Ellen Eakes and husband Randy, Phelan, Calif., and Kay Elaine Heiserman and husband, Scott, Yukon; 10 grandchildren, one great grandchild; one brother, David Edward Ruckman, Glendale, Calif.; and sister, Alice Marion Sheets, Sun City West, Ariz.

Memorial may be made to Stillwater Mobile Meals, P.O. Box 2408, Stillwater 74076; First United Methodist Church, 400 W. Seventh, Stillwater 74075; J.V. Parcher Scholarship Fund, OSU Foundation, P.O. Box 1749, Stillwater, 74076.