



Helen Wallace

December 10, 1943 - October 29, 2008

Helen Marie Wallace died at her home Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2008. Funeral: 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at Lucas & Blessing Funeral Home, 518 S.W. Johnson Ave., Burleson, with the Rev. J.W. Brown officiating. Interment: Nocona Cemetery. Memorials: Donations may be made in memory of Helen Marie Wallace to the Humane Society of Johnson County or a charity of choice. Mrs. Wallace was born Dec. 10, 1943, in Detroit, Mich. She was a nationally known and revered expert in rare stamps, coins and postal history, and was owner of R.E. Wallace Stamps & Coins, in operation for 60 continuous years in downtown Fort Worth. In the 1960s, she moved to Texas and married R.E. "Bob" Wallace, a highly decorated World War II combat veteran, and joined him in the operation of R.E. Wallace Stamps & Coins. Upon her husband's death in 1999, Mrs. Wallace continued to operate their famous business. Mrs. Wallace's advice and expertise were widely sought by collectors across the country. She worked hard and could always be trusted. Mrs. Wallace was truly a one-of-a-kind, pistol-packing, Pall Mall-smoking, bourbon-drinking tornado of a woman who believed strongly in the rights of individual landowners. She was loved by the many she befriended and feared by those who made the mistake of crossing her. Her death is a great loss to the world of stamps and coins and the very fabric of downtown Cowtown, Texas. Survivors: Her many friends and admirers throughout the United States; her beloved horse, Checkers; and the many cats she loved and cared for.