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Barbara Jean Cowles, age 82, passed away January 27, 2011, in her Jenks home after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Barbara was born in Early, IA, June 6, 1928, to Zaidee Stanford Brewer and C. Reitzell Brewer. Her love of music was instilled very young, studying piano with her mother at age five and beginning cello in the third grade. With a Bachelor of Music degree from Morningside College, she left Iowa to pursue a Master of Music degree from TU and play with the fledgling Tulsa orchestra. Upon her retirement forty-four years later, she was recognized as the musician with the longest continuous service with the Tulsa Philharmonic. During her tenure, she played under such conductors as H. Arthur Brown, Vladimer Golschmann, Erich Leinsdorf, Franco Auto-ri, Skitch Henderson, and Pierre Monteaux. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clayton Cowles, and her parents, Zaidee and Reitzell Brewer. Her survivors include sons Terry; Ron and wife Sharon; Randy and wife Jennifer; daughter Melissa Cowles; grandchildren Jason, Jessica, Remington, and Paisley Cowles, all of Tulsa, OK; sister Carol Rutledge of Adel, IA; brother Leon Brewer of New Hope, MN. Visitation will be 1 to 8 PM, on Sunday, January 30, at Moore's Memory Chapel, 14th and Peoria. The funeral will be held 10 AM, Monday, January 31, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1442 S. Quaker. Memorials in Barbara's name may be made to the music program or soup kitchen at St. Paul's or The Hyeckha Club Scholarships. This obituary was published in the Tulsa World on 1/30/2011.

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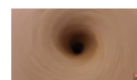
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