

## **EUNICE RUMFORD**

Eunice Annabelle Rumford

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**EUNICE ANNABELLE RUMFORD**, daughter of Charles E. Rumford (1888-1974) and Cassie Odella Moore (1891-1980) was born on 24 May 1916 in Hanston, Hodgeman County, Kansas. After 1920, her parents moved the family to the Stanton County area of Kansas. She attended Stanton County High School and the business college in Dodge City, Kansas. In 1940, Eunice was living with her parents in Sterling, Hodgeman County, Kansas. When her uncle, Fred Rumford, was elected to the Kansas State House of Representatives, Eunice moved to Topeka, Kansas to help him with secretarial work.

When this work had ended, she moved to Washington D.C., and spent the next few years working for the FBI. While there, she sang with the New York Presbyterian Church choir. She then returned to Kansas due to the decline of her parents' health.

Eunice married **GERALD G. NICHOLS** (1913-1992) on 21 Jun 1956 and they lived with Gerald's mother in Hutchinson, Kansas. In 1958, she was living with her parents in Dodge City, Ford County, Kansas and using her maiden name. There are not any divorce records to show the date they divorced, but the marriage lasted only about a year. Gerald remarried. He and his wife, Frieda moved to Jackson County, Oregon.

Eunice did not have children. For several years, she lived at the Trinity Manor Nursing Care Center in Dodge City, Kansas. She kept herself busy, making crocheted items for many people. Eunice passed away there on 19 Jan 2007. Her burial was at the Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore, Hodgeman County, Kansas.

### Cemetery Headstone



FAIRMOUNT CEMETERY  
Jetmore, Hodgeman County, Kansas  
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