

duPONT



duPont, Margaret Osborne duPont, age 94 died at her El Paso home on October 24, 2012 surrounded by loved ones.

She was the daughter of Eva and St. Lawrence Osborne and born on March 4th in Joseph, Oregon. Most of her childhood, her family lived in San Francisco where her love for tennis was born. Margaret and her family lived a block from the Golden Gate Public Courts. She was enamored by the game of tennis and soon began to play. The pro there saw she had an unmistakable talent. Margaret went on to be one of the best this world has ever seen. She won six Grand Slam singles titles: French Open in 1946 and 1949, Wimbledon in 1947 and the US Open in 1948, 1949 and 1950. She also won 21 Grand Slam women's doubles titles (20 with tennis partner, Louise Brough). This record ties for the most Grand Slam titles ever won by a women's doubles team. In addition to those achievements, she also won 10 Grand Slam mixed doubles titles. She was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 1967, the Delaware Sports Museum and Hall of Fame in 1999 and in 2010 she was inducted into the US Open Court of Champions. From 1938 through 1958, DuPont went undefeated in ten Wightman Cup competitions, winning her ten singles and nine doubles matches. She also captained the U.S. team

nine times, winning eight. She moved to El Paso in 1966 with her life-long friend, Margaret Bloss. Once in El Paso they began a horse business that is still in operation today. Margaret always loved living in El Paso and served on numerous boards and committees in this community. Her bright smile and infectious laugh will be sorely missed by many. Margaret was preceded in death by her parents, Eva and St. Lawrence Osborne and her brother Charles Osborne. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, William III and Pamela duPont of Orlando; grandsons William IV, Michael, Charles and Andrew; and life-long friends Margaret Bloss and Leigh Bloss of El Paso. The family would like to thank Shirley and Sandra of VNA for their loving care of Margaret over the past several months. A Graveside Service will be held on Monday, October 29, 2012 at 11:00AM at Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, 8700 Dyer, with Pastor Robert Nickell officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the El Paso Community Foundation, P.O. Box 272, El Paso, TX 79943. Services entrusted to Martin Funeral Home West, 128 N. Resler Dr. El Paso, TX 79912

