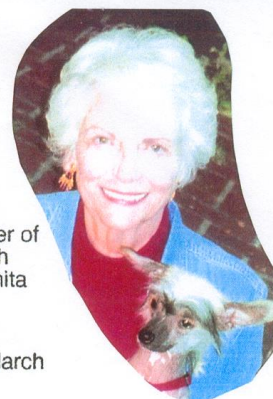


Peggy Lorraine King Gordon
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I was born in Wichita Falls, Texas on July 16, 1923. I am the only daughter of H.L. King and Bessie Sellers King who are deceased. My only brother, Buster Ralph King, died in 1987. I had a happy childhood on a small farm four miles north of Wichita Falls.

I attended Cashion Elementary School, Reagan Junior High School and graduated from Wichita Falls Senior High School. I married Forrest R. Gordon on March 2, 1946 in Wichita Falls. After forty-six years of marriage, he died on May 1, 1992. He was a wonderful husband, father and friend.

I was employed by the Telephone Company for thirteen years before I decided to earn a degree in Elementary Education at Midwestern University in 1965. I earned a Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling from Midwestern State University in 1972. I was a 4th grade teacher at Bradford Elementary in Iowa Park, Texas for one year and a Social Studies teacher at Jefferson Elementary in Wichita Falls for nine years. I was a vocational counselor at Hirschi High School from 1975 to 1985.

After retiring from the Wichita Falls Independent School District in 1985, I was a part-time counselor for Byers ISD for four and a half years. At this time, I became very active in civic organizations, professional organizations, and volunteer work. I was a member of the first Silver Haired Legislature of Texas from 1986 to 1988. I was on the state legislative committee for Texas AARP and the Texas Retired Teachers Association. I was a member of the Citizens Council of the Texas Medical Foundation, the Senior Citizens of North Texas Board, and the Citizens Advisory Council for the Texas Department on Aging. I am currently a member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, a life member of MSU Alumnae, and a life member of the Texas Retired Teachers Association. Other memberships include the League of Women Voters, North Texas Genealogical Association, Wichita County Historical Commission, the History Museum of North Texas, Wichita Falls Retired Teachers Association, Sierra Club, Friends of the Wichita Falls Public Library, and Brandywine Crucible, Inc. (Cox Descendent).

I was a volunteer for Region IX English as a Second Language, First Step Store (for abused women), Wichita County Heritage Society and WFISD Partners in Education. I am still a volunteer for Hospice of Wichita Falls, Friends of the Wichita Falls Public Library Bookstore, Wichita County Archives, the History Museum of North Texas, and Friends of Riverside Cemetery.

Most of all, I have enjoyed my family, church and friends. I have a son, David W. Gordon, who lives in Seguin, Texas and one daughter, Dana Boots Gordon, who lives in Poland. I have two grandsons and three great-granddaughters.

As a child of eight years, I made a public profession of faith in Christ at Cashion Baptist Church. I was baptized in a stock tank nearby because the church didn't have a baptistry. My family was Baptist for many years. I have been attending Grace Church Interdenominational since 1972. I have had a good life and God has been good to me.

Note: My gg grandfather John W. King married Delilah Cox. They came to Texas with Peter's Colony in 1844. They were the first settlers in Little Elm, Texas.