

ALBERTINE CAROLYN BECQUET



Albertine Carolyn Becquet, born 14 July 1916 in Garden City, Finney County, Kansas, was the daughter of Norbert Joseph Becquet (1891-1975) and Emma Jane Dufrin (1892-1985) of Garden City, Kansas. Many of her friends and family knew her as “Cubby”. Albertine had two brothers: William Forestier Becquet (1910-1981) of Garden City and Dr. N. J. Becquet (1911-2006) of Little Rock, Arkansas.

In Garden City, she attended Lincoln School, Andrew Sabine Junior High School, graduated from Garden City High School in 1934 and attended Garden City Junior College.

In 1936, Albertine supervised the “Federal Writers Project” in Garden City. This was for a project also titled “American Guide”. She traveled to several small towns in Southwest Kansas looking for young adults who had an interest in writing about Southwest Kansas history. Somehow, this project allowed those young adults to further their education.

Albertine lived and worked in Wichita for several years before returning to Garden City. In the hair-styling business for 46 years, she owned and operated the Plaza Beauty Shop in Garden City from 1968 to 1970. In 1975, she opened Albertine’s Beauty Nook in her home.

On 8 May 1937, Albertine married William Daniel Snyder. They divorced in 1957. (*William died on 12 October 1975.*) They had two children, Kathye Louise Snyder-Knight and Ronald Kester Snyder. Albertine married Fred Willard on 10 December 1966. He died on 12 June 1975. In 1983, she married Robert Williams. He died on 4 April 2004.

Albertine passed away on 18 March 2001 in Garden City, Finney County, Kansas. A graveside service was held on 20 March 2001 at the Valley View Cemetery in Garden City.