



Nettie Lorraine Copenhaver

September 8, 1918 - August 8, 2016

Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 10, 2016, at the Good Hope Cemetery near Carmen.

Nettie Lorraine Copenhaver, 97, was born September 8, 1918, in Bend, Oregon to Oscar and Zelma Ream Wilson and passed away August 8, 2016. She was the third of five children. Soon after birth, she moved to Los Angeles, California and later moved to Oklahoma with her family as a young girl. She settled in the Woods County area and has been here ever since.

Nettie was a strong hard working woman. She milked many cows and raised many chickens and turkeys while raising her children. Cooking was always a passion of Nettie's. She was a cook at the Carmen and Carmen-Dacoma Schools. In 1972, she opened her own business, Nettie's Restaurant, in Carmen. The café was open for 36 years, six days a week, and was well known for its fried chicken.

Although the café kept Nettie busy, she managed to find time in the spring and summer to tend to a large vegetable garden and her fruit trees. Nettie was an avid gardener and had a passion for roses and had several varieties in her yard. She also loved to watch and feed the birds.

Nettie is survived by four children, Elizabeth Schlarb and family, Terry Copenhaver and family, Larry Copenhaver, his wife, Lisa, and family, Penny Bridal and husband, Steve; her granddaughter, Jessica Nickels and husband, Jamie, and their daughters, Madison and Bailey; other family members and many friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Carmen Park.

Comments



“ Loved visiting with her in the drug store. So sorry for your loss. She was a sweet lady!

Melissa Graybill Fisher - August 16, 2016 at 11:03 PM



“ Cary & Nancy Anthony lit a candle in memory of Nettie Lorraine Copenhaver



Cary & Nancy Anthony - August 12, 2016 at 10:00 AM



“ I did not know Nettie personally but I know that my granddad, Clifford Sterba, spent a lot of time at her café, especially for coffee and pie. I can remember calling to talk to him and my step-grandmother telling me that he was a Nettie's. Nettie must have been a very special lady and a wonderful cook. I am sorry that I never got to visit her café. I hope that you will all be comforted in the knowledge that she is now in Heaven and that your memories of her will comfort you.

Donise (Sterba) Cinnamon

Donise Cinnamon - August 11, 2016 at 03:49 PM



“ Our sincere condolences in the loss of Nettie. Sorry we didn't know about the service. Anyone knowing Nettie was aware of her being "one of a kind ". Such a good, hard working gal. Let your hearts be etched with special memories.

Dale & Vaughna Schmidt - August 11, 2016 at 08:29 AM



“ My condolences to the Copenhaver family. I'm sorry I missed the funeral, didn't find out in time. Nettie was my first employer, way back in 1978...and I worked for her through my senior year in 1983. I have great memories of Nettie. She scared me to death the first week I was there, then she warmed up to me. I learned so much from her, much more than just doing dishes or prepping. She was silly over her grandkids, it was always fun when they stopped by to visit. Even though I haven't seen Nettie in some years, when I was told she passed, I sat down and cried. She was a steady figure in my life growing up and I respected her immensely. God bless your family,
Rene Pierce-Stewart.

Rene Pierce-Stewart - August 10, 2016 at 04:02 PM