



Clara Louise Frech

June 21, 1938 - May 22, 2024

Funeral services for Clara Frech will be 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at the Zion Lutheran Church, Alva. Burial will follow at the Carmen City Cemetery under the direction of Wentworth Mortuary, LLC. She will lie in state at Marshall Funeral Home, Alva. There will be a visitation with family prior to the service at the Zion Lutheran Church at 1:00 p.m.

Clara Louise, daughter of the late Albert Frederick and Maryanne Priscilla (Dotterer) Brune, was born June 21, 1938, in Alfalfa County, and passed away peacefully surrounded by family May 22, 2024, at her home northeast of Carmen, at the age of 85 years, 11 months, and one day.

Clara grew up in rural Alfalfa County, graduating from Lambert High School in 1956. On August 1, 1956, she was united in marriage to Johnny F. Frech at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Enid. They raised their family of four children in the Carmen area on the farmstead except for a brief period in Houston, Texas.

She was baptized and confirmed in the Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Cherokee and later became a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Alva. Clara was a stay-at-home mom and was always there for her children and all of their many friends. She was an accomplished painter of acrylics and charcoal, she also enjoyed cooking for her family and sewing. After her children were a little older she was a relief mail carrier.

Besides her parents, Albert and Priscilla, she was preceded in death by her husband of nearly 65 years, Johnny; her daughter, Shirley Lanning; her brother, Clarence Brune; and her brother-in-law, Darrel Rise.

Clara is survived by her daughter, Beth Schoeling and husband, Gary, of Alva; her sons, Paul Frech and wife, Donita, of Bixby, and Chris Frech and wife, Cecilia, of Enid; her sister, Dorothy Rise of Rogers, Arkansas; four grandchildren, Cody Frech and wife, Emily, of Broken Arrow, Cortney Frech of Bixby, Kyle Schoeling of Alva, and Seann Lanning of Hampton, Virginia; two great granddaughters, Sophia Chastain and Allison Frech, both of Broken Arrow; her son-in-law, David Lanning of Edmond; other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the mortuary to the Zion Lutheran Church, Humanity Hospice Discretionary Fund, or the Carmen Fire and Rescue.

Remembrances may be shared with the family at www.marshallfuneralhomes.com.

The family would like to express their thanks and appreciation to her caregivers, Donna Anderson, Marty Crosley, and Laney Neal.

Cemetery Details

Carmen City Cemetery

Carmen, OK

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 25. 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Marshall Funeral Home of Alva
230 Flynn Street. P.O. Box 804
Alva, OK 73717
(580) 327-2311
<https://www.marshallfuneralhomes.com/>

Viewing

MAY 26. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation with Family

MAY 28. 1:00 PM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church
218 Maple Street
Alva, OK 73717

Funeral Service

MAY 28. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Alva, OK 73717

Visitation with family will be prior to service at 1pm

Tribute Wall



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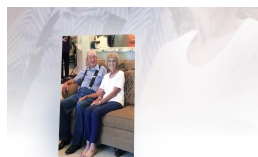
“ *Whitney Hufnagel & Your Stride Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Clara Louise Frech.*



Whitney Hufnagel & Your Stride Family - May 25, 2024 at 10:46 PM



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“ I remember the way Clara appreciated and created beauty around her while maintaining a no nonsense disposition. The same woman who would collect stamps from the post office she worked at and give to others the beautiful peacock feathers from her farm was also the same woman who would catch, clean, and cook her own fish as well as could shoot better than anyone else in her family. Overall, Clara maintained an appreciation of beauty while still being tough and direct.

First, Clara enjoyed painting, sewing, and baking. Clara adorned the home she and her husband shared with her various paintings of country life and regularly gave gifts to others of things she had either painted or sewed. Of course, her most talked about attribute was her baking. Clara baked many homemade things, but the most notable of all being her chocolate chip cookies. Her chocolate chip cookies were a favorite amongst her family. She would make them for desserts at the house or would drive to the field and deliver them to her hardworking family members at lunchtime. In fact, Clara baked desserts for her husband so much, that it wasn't until their later years when she was no longer baking that John and Clara finally walked down the cookie aisle at the grocery store and had to purchase a store bought cookie. When their son Paul and his wife Donita went to visit them, John pulled out the familiar maroon container that Clara had always stored their cookies in and told them that he had found an amazing cookie that they had to try. Curious what this new cookie was, they were surprised to see the container was filled with ordinary Oreos. Paul said, “Those are Oreos, Dad.” John excitedly replied, “I know. Have you ever had any? They're amazing! But you have to make sure to get the Double Stuf.”

On the other hand, while Clara looked for opportunities to love and spread beauty to those around her, she also had a very practical and tough personality. She was driven to fulfill her responsibilities, whether they be difficult farm work or taking care of her elderly mother living in the nursing home. She was unmoved by hardship and would press on in her duties whatever they may be.

Of course, she was especially efficient and direct when it came to

disciplining and raising her children. For instance, one morning at breakfast, her children Paul and Shirley were having a dispute at the table. Lashing out, Paul decided to dump Shirley's bowl of cereal on her head, so Clara picked up Paul's bowl of cereal and dumped it on his head. Clara now had two children drenched with milk and covered in cereal when it was almost time to leave for school, but her children never put food on someone else's head ever again.

Also, when the new episode of a television show was on that Paul and Chris wanted to watch but couldn't because they had just been grounded by their mother, Clara had no problem with watching the show herself and just sending the boys down to the basement until it was over. Further, after Paul and Chris would watch wrestling on television, they would go into their bedroom to try out the new moves they had just seen. After walking in and seeing Paul on top of a dresser about to jump on top of Chris who was lying on the floor, Clara tactfully handled it by slapping Paul so hard that she knocked him off of the dresser and onto the floor. Clara's rather hard form of discipline seemed to be the only thing that got through her boys' bullheadedness, and they grew up to be responsible and considerate of others.

Clara always handled things the best way that she knew how in order to take care of people. She had a beautiful but tough spirit about her that made her country home a better place to be and others better off for knowing her. She did her best to always be there for her loved ones, and we will surely miss her.

Granddaughter: Cortney Frech

Cortney Frech - May 23, 2024 at 11:21 PM

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“ *Chaplain Jordan Ealey and Caitlin Clark purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Clara Louise Frech.*



Chaplain Jordan Ealey and Caitlin Clark - May 23, 2024 at 03:48 PM

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“ *Chaplain Jordan Ealey and Caitlin Clark planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Clara Louise Frech.*

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