



Dorothy Lee Erikson

September 21, 1944 - May 14, 2023

Celebration of Life services for Dorothy Erikson will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 10, 2023, at the Cedar Grove Wesleyan Church, with Pastor Nathan Hosier officiating. She was cremated at her request under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Beloved mother, grandmother, cousin, and friend Dorothy Lee (Mosser) Erikson passed away May 14, 2023, at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita, Kansas. She was born September 21, 1944, in Alva, Oklahoma, and was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Roberta Mosser.

Dorothy spent most of her life on or near her family's farm northwest of Alva. As a young girl she and Lady, her special horse, along with Mickey, her equally special dog who sometimes hitched a ride upon the horse, would spend long days exploring the countryside and traversing the local river to visit friends on the other side. Dorothy never tired of exploring the river and she took great pride in sharing its beauty and wonders with everyone who visited the farm.

Dorothy attended Northwestern Oklahoma State University for two years before transferring to Oklahoma State University, where in 1966 she received a degree in Home Economics. While at OSU she met her future husband, Stanley Lee Erikson. The couple wed on March 19, 1966, and made their

home across the river from where she grew up. They shared their enjoyment in raising cattle and farming and their family grew with the arrivals of Travis in 1968, Erick in 1970, and Vickie in 1972.

After Stanley's death in 1980, Dorothy continued to work on the farm but her true calling was to help others as a social worker. She became a dedicated advocate for children while working for the Oklahoma Department of Human Services. In the early 1990's she moved to Tulsa and began her work as an adoption specialist for the State of Oklahoma. She found great satisfaction and joy in helping children find new happiness with adoptive parents.

After her retirement Dorothy returned to the farm and spent many quality years with her mother, traveling and exploring cemeteries and libraries in their genealogy quest. Dorothy took the cumbersome plunge down the family tree rabbit hole and in doing so left behind invaluable information for her family. She also spent her time going to Sight and Sound Theatres, hosting family reunions, hunting morel mushrooms, participating in genealogy club, reading, going to national parks, watching OSU basketball (especially during the Eddie Sutton days), watching and feeding the hummingbirds, and rock/fossil hunting.

Dorothy had a very strong faith in God and frequently said, "Whatever will be, will be. It is in God's hands." She was a proud member of the Cedar Grove Wesleyan Church.

Dorothy is survived by her son Travis Erikson; son Erick Erikson and Jana, along with their children, Ana Lee and Ethan Edward; daughter Vickie Hedge and husband, John, along with their children, Taylor Lane and Andrew Morgan; grandson Kolby Arnold and wife, Kelli; and granddaughter Ashlei Arnold. Cousins include Danny Mosser and wife, Kathy, and their children, daughter Mary and son John and wife, Emily, and their children, Cormyn, Sydney, and Jolie, Francie Frysinger and husband, John, and their children,

Chris, Nikki, and Ryan; Alan McNaughton and wife, Becky, and their children, Emily and Erika; Robin Mayes; Richard Mayes and wife, Sandy, and their children, Justin and Carrie; Jane Bassett and husband, Jeff, and their children, Elizabeth and William; Mark Mayes and his son Zachary; Carolyn Sweet and husband, Randy, and their children, Bryan, Christopher, and David; Robert Mayes and wife, Theresa, and their children, Julie, Amy, and Robby; Steve Mayes and wife, Paula, and their children, Megan and Terry; Shelly Rawlins and husband, Doug, and their children, Annsley, Kennedi, and Andrei; and Kristen Pack and husband, Doug, and their sons, Joshua and Austin; other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Cherokee Strip Museum for maintenance on the old Cedar Grove Church.

Tribute Wall

LB

“ Knew her all my life and admired her dearly. So honest and relied on my advice to the end. Personal friend as well as real Woods County person. Lived the good life and family has my admiration. Will miss her professionally and personally.

LARRY BAYS - July 27, 2023 at 08:12 PM



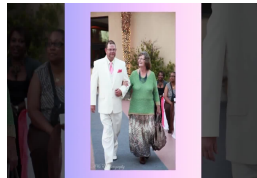
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Marshall Funeral Homes - June 12, 2023 at 12:48 PM



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SW

“ Travis, Erick, and Vickie,
I am so blessed and grateful to have known and spent time with
your Mom. She was such a beautiful and loving person. Her love for
life and joy found in her twinkling eyes when showing us the river
while hunting for arrowheads are memories I will cherish forever.
You are all in my prayers!
Sonja Frascht Williams

Sonja M Williams - June 07, 2023 at 05:44 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Dorothy Lee Erikson.



May 30, 2023 at 04:09 PM

BF

“ What a sweet person! I am glad that I had the privilege of knowing
her and attending Cedar Grove Church and Greenleaf School with
her in our growing-up years. Her many friends and I are sorry that
she left us so soon. May God give peace and comfort to her family
at this difficult family.

Barbara Faulkner - May 25, 2023 at 01:56 PM

BF

Correction (Difficult family time)

Barbara Faulkner - May 25, 2023 at 01:58 PM

RG

“ Oh, the stories I could tell!!! Dorothy was one of the nicest people I ever knew. We worked together in Child Welfare, and then contracting to do foster/adoptive home studies. (Charita McCosker was our contractor) We had some "harrowing" times, as well as good times. Even after we both retired, I would meet her and her Mom, for lunch. I am grateful to have had her for my friend. She enriched my life and I will cherish my friendship with her forever.

Ramona Goodridge - May 23, 2023 at 04:17 PM

AN

“ So sorry for your loss. Keeping your family in my thoughts and prayers.



Annette - May 22, 2023 at 06:15 PM

Dawn
Shafer

“ Our years raising our children on our families farm, we got to know Dorothy and Roberta both well. They were a joy to be around and listen to. There were many church activities as well as many home visits that turned a few minutes into hours. She will be missed by many. Much love and prayers to her family.

Dawn Shafer - May 22, 2023 at 12:00 PM

CS

“ I remember a party Dorothy gave for several of us younger kids in the community. I always looked up to her; in fact, I named a doll after her!

Clara Nell Siroky - May 19, 2023 at 07:20 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dorothy Lee Erikson.*



May 19, 2023 at 01:04 PM



“ *I am grateful to God that there is HOPE mixed with our sorrow. Remembering Dorothy with love and deep affection for the light she shared in this world.*

Nan - May 18, 2023 at 03:51 PM