



## Ethel Louise Whitney

August 20, 1941 - May 9, 2020

A private family service for Louise Whitney will be held Thursday May 14, 2020.

Ethel Louise Simmons Whitney was born August 20, 1941, in Woods County Oklahoma to Claude William Simmons and Mary Ethel Vernon Cropp, and passed away May 9, 2020, in Alva, Oklahoma, at the age of 78 years, 8 months, and 19 days. Those that knew her knew she was quick to correct anyone that did not call her by Louise.

Louise grew up east of Waynoka on her family's farm. She was remarkably close to her 3 younger brothers, Bob, Donald, and Paul. She attended Waynoka Schools and graduated in 1959. She began working at the phone company in Alva, Oklahoma. Louise dated and then married Everette Dale Whitney December 26, 1959, at the Waynoka Baptist Church. From this union three children were born, Foster Leroy Whitney, born and delivered to heaven in 1960, Vernon Dale Whitney, born 1962, and Angela Lea Whitney Pearson, born 1964.

They lived in a small apartment in Waynoka, but soon after moved north of Waynoka to the McGill Ranch. Louise began her food service career at the Waynoka Hospital as the Dietary Manager. She would later attend Dietary Managers School in Stillwater, Oklahoma. She worked at Share Medical

Center as the Dietary Manager for several years. Her last and probably favorite job was at the Northwest Treatment Center in Waynoka. She first worked in the kitchen there and later moved to the nursery where she instilled her love in numerous babies and toddlers. She was a caretaker through and through to everyone she knew.

Rodeo was huge part of Louise's life. Though not a participant herself she would often be found in the stands cheering for Everette and then later her son, Vernon. Louise loved the outdoors whether helping Everette with their cattle herd or on the lake fishing with her daughter and son in law. Above all the thing she loved most was her family and taking care of them. Her nieces and nephews were among her favorites. All could tell you multiple stories of how she impacted their lives and the fun they had with her. She showed that love through her cooking. She always prepared more than enough to feed an army. Many would argue that her best dishes were fried chicken and her chicken and noodles. She passed many attributes on to her children, grandchildren, and great children.

She is preceded in the death by parents, Claude and Vernie Simmons, as well as brothers and sisters, Clara Belle Brock, Sonny Simmons, Verna Lee Chambers, Neta Mae Koutz, Maxine Hale, Burl Simmons, Bob Simmons, and Donald Simmons, as well as son, Foster Leroy.

She is survived by her husband Everette Dale Whitney of the home, her son Vernon Dale wife, Mary, and their 5 children, Sharise, Nivea, Kayde, Myra, and Eli of Clinton, Oklahoma; her daughter, Angela and her husband, Dennis Pearson of Dacoma, Oklahoma; grandchildren, Jessica and Randy Hanks, along with their children, Whitney and Waylon, of Waynoka, Karlea and Ryan Irvin, along with their child, Oliver, and soon to join Bennette; brother C.W. Simmons and wife, Margie, of Enid, and brother, Paul Simmons of Waynoka; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Children's Heart Foundation at 5 Revere Drive, Suite 200, Northbrook, IL 60062.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ethel Louise Whitney*

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January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *Everett & family; so sorry to hear of Louise's passing. Always enjoyed being around her- she was a great friend. Love & prayers for the family Annette (Wilson) Ralston*

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**annette (willson) ralston** - May 29, 2020 at 12:19 PM



“ *I spent a lot of time at that farm when I was young as I was Vernon friend we went to school together I remember what we as well always doing things for everybody cooking things like that she took me my brother my sister's to lots of activities when my mother couldn't make it cuz I had two young boys at home rest in peace Louise you will be missed*

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**Danny Utterback** - May 14, 2020 at 02:02 AM



“ *Many of my fondest childhood memories took place on the Whitney farm. It was like my summer camp. (I was the city kid because i grew up in a town with a population of 1,000!) Our family has always been close, and Aunt Louise is a big reason for that. She was almost always smiling or laughing. She loved and was very proud of her family. I'm lucky I got to be a part of it, even if just a few times per year. I will miss her, and I will always look back and cherish those memories we made. Rest in peace, Aunt Louise! -- Derek Simmons and family*

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**Derek Simmons** - May 13, 2020 at 11:59 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ethel Louise Whitney.*



May 13, 2020 at 10:00 AM



“ *I am truly sorry for you loss!!! I worked with a Louise for many years at the treatment center and have many fond memories!!! We became a team and she was an incredibly strong lady!!! She spoke of her family often and loved them very much!!! I pray for comfort and peace for the family!!! Love you Louise!!!*

**Stacey Replogle** - May 12, 2020 at 10:21 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers and love to the family. 🙏❤️*

**Cathy King** - May 12, 2020 at 06:57 PM



“ *The news of Louise's passing is really sad and hard to take. We were classmates, and rode the same school bus in grade school. She was a real blessing in my life and in many others as well. May God bless her family and friends in this very sad time. My love to all.*

**Sandie Olson** - May 12, 2020 at 04:53 PM

KR

“ Everette, Vernon Dale and Angie, my thoughts and prayers are with you right now. Louise was such a fun warm loving person. I saw her at the sale last fall when we sold mom's cows and I am so grateful for that visit. I am so grateful I got to hug her neck. Love you all so much. Kathy

Kathy Rich - May 12, 2020 at 02:11 PM

LW

“ Loved the memories of Louise and Whitney's as we worked cattle at Fairvalley. Louise is a special lady that shall remain in our hearts forever.



Linda Wagner - May 12, 2020 at 10:26 AM

PB

“ Much love and many prayers for all of the Family.

Patsy Bixler - May 12, 2020 at 10:10 AM

JS

“ Very sorry to read of Mrs. Whitney's passing. God bless your family.



Jim Scribner - May 12, 2020 at 09:57 AM

RK

“ Ditto to what Vicki said - and just like Grandma Simmons - she could feed an army - and with the Simmons Clan - she did! Will miss her terribly! Roger

Roger Koutz - May 12, 2020 at 09:26 AM

VH

“ Aunt Louise always welcomed us into her home and let us run free on the farm, making so many great memories. She bathed us and fed us and bandaged us when we got hurt and we knew she loved us all. Her laugh was infectious and she laughed often. I'll miss her generous and loving spirit. Rest In Peace, Aunt Louise.



Vicki Simmons Hawarden - May 12, 2020 at 08:38 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ethel Louise Whitney.



May 12, 2020 at 08:28 AM

AA

“ Our thoughts and prayers to your families at the loss of Mrs. Whitney.

AK, Shirley Armstrong - May 12, 2020 at 07:48 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Ethel Louise Whitney.*



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May 12, 2020 at 03:59 AM