



## Evelyn Louise Durkee

January 7, 1934 - July 29, 2012

Funeral services for Evelyn Louise Durkee will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, August 1, 2012, at the Waynoka First Baptist Church with Rev. Jerry Holt officiating. Interment will be in the Waynoka Municipal Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Waynoka, LLC.

Evelyn Louise Durkee, daughter of the late Alfred Henry and Leona Pearl (Hall) Paris, was born January 7, 1934, in Waynoka, Oklahoma, and passed away July 29, 2012, at Enid, Oklahoma, at the age of 78 years, 6 months, and 22 days. She is now with her husband in the arms of their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Louise graduated from Waynoka High School in 1951. On August 10, 1952 she was united in marriage to Arthur Albert Durkee at Waynoka, Oklahoma. She attended nursing school in Ponca City where she obtained her CNA. She then received her LPN in 1974 at Baptist Medical Center in Little Rock, Arkansas, her Bachelor of Nursing in 1980 at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, Arkansas, and her Nursing Home Administrator License from the University of Oklahoma in 1985.

Since her husband was a minister, the family moved several times, living in Oklahoma, California, Arkansas, and Colorado. She was a devoted pastor's wife, dedicated Sunday School teacher and active in the Woman's Missionary Union. She worked primarily in nursing homes as a Nurse, as Director of Nursing, and as the Administrator. In 1992 they moved to Enid where Louise worked as Director of Nursing at Meadowlake, as well as in home health care,

and helped her husband with Cherokee Strip Antiques. After Arthur's death she continued to run the antique store and enjoy her garden, her cats, and her grandchildren for as long as she was able.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur, in 2002.

Louise is survived by two sons, Gregg Durkee and wife, Melinda, of Enid, and Scott Durkee and wife, Charlotte, of Wichita; two daughters, Deborah Steenland and husband, James, of Brownsville, Texas, and Peggy Tidwell and husband, Rodney, of Austin, Texas; and one sister, Clea Belle Zook and husband, Jakie, of Waynoka.

Also surviving are 15 grandchildren, Becky Jones and husband, Chad, of Louisville, Kentucky; John Steenland and wife, Jennifer, of Brownsville, Texas; Sarah Doenges and husband, Jordan, of Louisville, Kentucky; Christy Steenland, Michael Steenland, and Torie Steenland of Brownsville, Texas; Austin Hazen and husband, Josh, of Enid; Bryan Durkee and Mitchell Durkee, both of Enid; Chad Tidwell of Dallas, Texas; Zack Tidwell, of Austin, Texas; and Joshua Durkee, Caleb Durkee, Hannah Durkee, and Levi Durkee, all of Wichita, Kansas; four great grandchildren, Shyenne and Kendra Hazen, Paisley and Javin Jones; other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the Liberty Southern Baptist Church in Enid to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Evelyn Louise Durkee*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *I was saddened to learn of Mrs Durkee&s death. I have sweet memories of her and Rev Durkee, Scott & Peggy. May the lord comfort you in your hours of grief. Billie Jean Abbott Cabot, Arkansas*

**Billie Jean Abbott** - August 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about Louise. I worked with her at Meadowlake Hosp. and thought she was a good and smart nurse. My sympathy to all of you. Emma Henneke*

**Emma Henneke** - August 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about your mother and our deepest sympathy, thoughts, and prayers to all of your family. Louise will always have a special place in my heart for her sincere kindness, thoughtfulness, and gentle loving nature. She was a special niece to our mom (Pearl). Mothers have a very wonderful way of always holding a family together and I know her gentle smile, gentle voice, and vision of knowing what is right for all concerned will live on in all of you, through you. All our wonderful family times together gathering on the farm hold special memories in my heart forever -- that is something I always miss, but at the same time so glad we had them together. My prayers are with you now and in the future. Love, Judy, Don, Taylor, Austin Mitchell, and the rest of Pearl&s family.*

**Judith Stengle Mitchell** - August 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I feel very fortunate to have known your mother. She was a wonderful person. My condolences to all of you.*

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**Phyllis Blessing** - July 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I extend my sympathies to all of the family. I know Mrs. Durkee leaves behind a wonderful legacy. God bless each of you.  
In Christ, Belinda Stone*

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**Belinda Stone** - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My sincere condolences to the family. I have so many memories of your mother . . . not sure where to begin. Of course, all of us Marsahll Road girls spent a lot of nights there having slumber parties. One of the most memorable times was around Halloween and I was at your house. Peggy and I were getting dressed for a Halloween party but, for some reason we had candles and of course, I caught my hair on fire and your mom had to "save the day"! She was such a kind-hearted and soft spoken Christian woman. We were all so blessed to have known her.*

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**Susan Bates** - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM