



## Frances Ila Brown

April 3, 1915 - August 22, 2010

Funeral services for Frances Ila Brown will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, August 26, 2010, at the Alva Church of the Nazarene with Pastor Bill Kalfas officiating. Interment will be in the Alva Municipal Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Frances Ila Brown, daughter of the late Elmer Belvin and Lottie Eunice (Steward) Lyon, was born April 3, 1915, on a farm west of Alva in Woods County, Oklahoma and passed away August 22, 2010, in Alva at the age of 95 years, 5 months, and 18 days.

At an early age, Frances attended the Cora Nazarene Church which her grandparents, C.L. and Emma Steward, donated the land to establish in 1922. She was the oldest of six children and attended the Mt. Vernon rural grade school.

On August 22, 1932, she was united in marriage to Frederick (Fred) John Brown by Rev. Maggie Hull at her home in Alva. Following this union, two children were born, Betty Lou and Shirley Ann Brown.

The tornado of 1947 wiped out the Brown family home northwest of Alva. The family relocated to a new homestead west of Alva where they lived for a number of years.

After her children left home, she experienced "empty nest? syndrome and decided to seek employment. Her first opportunity was at the TG&Y store in Alva. Following that, she attended beauty school in Enid. Upon graduation, she worked as a hairdresser for her cousin, Florence Dowling, at the Rialto

Beauty Shop for several years before taking over full ownership until her retirement.

Eventually, Fred and Frances moved to Alva and resided with their daughter Betty. Upon moving, Frances attended the Alva Church of the Nazarene where she was baptized May 30, 1993.

Frances was a talented individual who enjoyed sewing, cooking, gardening, canning and crocheting. Her crochet work won her several blue ribbons at local arts and craft festivals. Frances also loved to travel and enjoyed several bus trips across the US with family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred; a daughter, Betty Lou Brown; her parents, Elmer and Lottie Lyon; two brothers, Roy and Leonard Lyon; and two sisters, Helen Lyon) Christianson and Fay (Lyon) Vincent. Frances is survived by her daughter, Shirley Ann Smith of Ponca City, and her two grandsons, Mark Smith of Alva, and Darin Smith and his wife, Julie, of Norman. Also surviving are three great-grandchildren, Dillon Smith, Shelby Smith, and Lauren Smith.

Memorial Contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Alva Church of the Nazarene for the Haiti Mission Fund.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Frances Ila Brown*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *I am very sorry for your loss. Francis was beautiful inside and out. I have missed her at church, and think of her often when I see the pillow she made out of Larry&s ties for Emma. Praying for you.*  
*Dayna Jordan*

**Dayna Jordan** - August 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *We have enjoyed the time spent with Frances while she was at Share. We have so many good visits and I especially got to know her much better. She will be missed by both David and I. Love to all of you, David & Lyn Lyon*

**David & Lyn Lyon** - August 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Shirley and family, It was an honor to care for Francis. She was a very lovely lady. I will never forget the conversations we would have. She loved her family very much. I am so sorry for your loss. Just know that God is with you and your family in this time of need. God bless all of you. Tobi Hayes, LPN*

**Tobi Hayes** - August 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *What an incredible woman Frances was! I enjoyed my visits with her so much--what an incredible memory she had! She will be missed, for she loved and was greatly loved. Family--she loved you all so much more than she could ever tell you and was proud of all of you.*

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**William Kalfas** - August 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I am very sorry for your loss. Your mother was a very wonderful woman and I loved her dearly. She ment a lot to me. I plan on coming to the funeral with Miranda. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Shirley if you need anything let us know. You can call me at 580-216-2275 Love and Prayers Brittany and Miranda*

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**Brittany Jahay Miranda Ocobock** - August 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM