



Frances Ann Welch

June 9, 1921 - April 12, 2010

Memorial services for Frances Ann Welch will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at the Alva First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) with Rev. Ron Pingelton officiating. She was cremated at her request. Arrangements are under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Frances Ann Welch, daughter of the late John Welch and Bertha (Hankins) Cameron, was born June 9, 1921, northwest of Alva, and passed away April 12, 2010, at Alva, Oklahoma, at the age of 88 years, 10 months, and 3 days. After Fran graduated from Alva High School she attended Northwestern Oklahoma State University. On July 9, 1938, she was united in marriage to Doss Gourley. She was a longtime employee with Woods County as Deputy Court Clerk and later with the OSU County Extension Service Center. She was also employed for three years with the OSU Extension Center as 4-H secretary in Oklahoma City. She later married Cecil Welch.

Fran loved gardening, playing the piano, playing Yahtzee, knitting, shooting pool and throwing darts.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Cecil Welch; her sister, Jessie Crouse and her brother, Robert Cameron.

Fran is survived by two sons, Rod Gourley and wife, Dian, of Alva, and Doug Gourley and wife, Karen of Woodward; two granddaughters, Lendi Gourley, Alva and fianc?, Colby Clodfelter of Lawton, Oklahoma, and Jamie Peters and husband, Mark, of Turpin, Oklahoma; one great grandson, Gage Dosson Peters; other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Alva First Christian Church or the Women of the Moose.

Tribute Wall



“ *Frances Ann Welch*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *I miss Frannie so much! I had so much fun playing Yahtzee, drinking coffee and eating chocolate with her, although i think she had loaded dice :) She really liked the doughnut holes with hot coffee in the mornings! I&m privileged to have known her and been a part of her life!*

Monica Hill - August 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *This beautiful lady will be truly missed by many friends and family members...I met Fran through the Moose and loved her true friendship and outgoing personality...am glad to have had her footprints in my heart may you find strength in your faith and friends and family.*

Carlotta - May 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Gourley Family- Sean and I are so saddened to hear of your loss. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Love and Peace*

Sean and Melissa Evans - April 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *The Gourley Family, we are so sorry for the loss of your mother. She was a joy to be around and a very dear friend, like to so many. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you.*

amy mayes - April 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *I am so sorry for your loss Jamie. We love you, Doug, Judy, and Isabella*

judy hooten - April 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Doug and Rod, We were so sorry to hear of your Mother&s passing. She was such a joy to be with. The summer Verlene, Eva Jean (my mother) and Fran went to Europe had to have been a glorious time. I know they enjoyed every minute. She called often checking on Mother and our visits were special. May remembering help to ease the sorrow that you feel and bring peace and comfort to your heart. With Sincere Sympathy*

Danette and Mark Hague - April 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Doug, Rod and families, We were sorry to ready of your mother&s passing. Our thoughts & prayers are with you. May God bless & comfort all of you.*

Dudley & Jeanne Winn - April 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *Doug & Rod We are very sorry for your loss. We will miss your mom&s hugs when we see her. She was a wonderfull person and always nice to us. Mike & Don Dooley and family&s.*

Mike Dooley - April 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ *franny,was such a joy to be around.this past new years eve,they brought her down to the moose.i was DJing,and was watching as she was wheeled onto the dance floor and danced with by several people.the smile on her face was so unforgettable.and just last month at the state dart tourney,she was brought down to the moose.seems like everyone in the place from woodward to tulsa knew her and talked to her.she was loving every minute of it. she will be greatly missed by all who knew her. my thoughts and prayers are with you all.may god bless you.*

raymond - April 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *The lights in Heaven will shine even brighter with lovely Fran joining in!*

Susan Parent - April 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Thoughts and prayers to you all at this time of loss. Take comfort in your memories of a life well lived.*

Jim & Sherry Beagley - April 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. We will miss her very much and she always put a smile on my face.*

Mark and Carla Lehl - April 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *It&s sad to say goodbye to a loved one but may you feel the comfort only God can provide at this time and know He is faithful. May the memories bring you laughter and joy. With all my love.*

Jackie Slater - April 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NA

“ *Doug & Rod-- just found out about Francis. So very sorry. She was such a character. I remember the good ole days when my parents used to come visit. We were always sent upstairs. Francis would play the piano and a good time was had by all. Once again, our condolences. Nan,Deb,Ronda,Sondra*

Nan - April 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Dear Gourley Family, We are sorry about the loss of your mother. I had the pleasure of meeting this lovely lady and really enjoyed her. She loved her children and grandchildren dearly. She was a joy to be around. May the emptiness be filled with many memories and joy.*

Bill and Linda Beeler - April 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Rod, Dian & family...Our deepest sympathy to each of you in the loss of your Mother/Grandmother. Whenever I think of Frances, her beautiful smile always comes to mind. We pray special memories will bring you comfort during this time, and days to come.*

Dale & Vaughna Schmidt - April 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *Our thoughts are with you during this time of sorrow. Sincerely,*

Trooper Jimmy & Julie (Davison) Helm - April 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *She loved life and was a joy to be around. She will be deeply missed but always remembered by friends* ”

JUDY MARTIN - April 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM