



## Jadeena Leeper Brown

December 20, 1916 - November 27, 2018

Memorial services for Jadeena Brown will be 1:30 p.m. Saturday, December 1, 2018, at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Dr. Carol Cook Moore officiating. A private family burial will be prior to the service under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Jadeena Pearl Leeper Brown, daughter of the late Jay W. and Leona (Crowder) Leeper, was born December 20, 1916, on the Leeper family farm east of Dacoma, Oklahoma, and passed away November 27, 2018, at Alva, at the age of 101 years, 11 months, and 7 days.

She attended Mount Zion and Union Center Grade schools and graduated from Dacoma High School in 1935. She attended Northwestern Teacher's College where she was a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority and graduated in 1941. During her college years, one cherished memory was serving dinner to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt who visited the campus in 1939 to dedicate Jesse Dunn Hall. While at Northwestern, Jadeena met and then married Durward Brown on September 17, 1938, at the Methodist parsonage in Waynoka. Their love story continued for over 66 years.

After graduation, she and Durward taught at Greenfield, Oklahoma, then moved to Cherokee where she was employed as a teacher in a one-room school near Stella, Oklahoma. The school had no electricity and she was not

only teacher but also janitor and cook. She continued her teaching career for twenty more years in Waynoka and Alva.

Jadeena, along with husband Durward, were founding members of the Homebuilder's Sunday School class at the First Methodist Church in Alva. She was also a member of United Methodist Women Mary Martha Circle and the DoLittle Camping Club. Jadeena and Durward enjoyed showing antique cars and made many trips to car shows and flea markets in Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas.

Jadeena loved to cook and host her family for holiday gatherings. They always looked forward to her specialty, Sour Cream Twists.

Besides her parents, Jay and Leona Leeper, she was preceded in death by her husband, Durward, her sister, Leota Keltner, and her brother, Calvin Leeper.

Jadeena is survived by her daughter, Melba Richey and husband, Jim, of Alva; her grandson, Steve Richey and wife, Lori, of Wichita, Kansas; her granddaughter, Stephanie Coon and husband, Robert, of Tulsa; her sister-in-law, Jackie Leeper of Alva; six great grandchildren; many special nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the First United Methodist Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Alva Municipal Cemetery

Flynn Street  
Alva, OK 73717

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 1. 1:30 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
626 College Avenue  
Alva, OK 73717

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jadeena Leeper Brown*

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January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *Melba, Jim and family,*

*May your wonderful memories and family and friends bring you comfort.*

*Condolences,  
Karla and Larry Horn*

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**Karla Horn** - December 03, 2018 at 05:00 PM



“ *Melba and Jim, I am oh, so sorry that I missed Jadeena's service today! I did not see the notice until too late this afternoon. She was the epitome of a "grand lady" and I always admired her so much. Of course, Durward and I were great "sports buddies" as we were in the same teaching profession. They both made a stunning couple and did so much for our community in so many ways. She will surely be missed and I ave been blessed to have known her.*

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**Yvonne Carmichael** - December 01, 2018 at 04:58 PM

DA

“ Enjoyed the opportunity of getting to know Jadeena when I helped her clean.. Her quick wit always made me smile. A very warm and caring person who was always willing to help. She will always be remembered with a smile.

Sincerely,

Donna Abbott

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**Donna Abbott** - December 01, 2018 at 08:18 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jadeena Leeper Brown.



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November 30, 2018 at 04:16 PM

 Judy Weaver

“ Mrs. Brown was my 4th grade teacher in the 60's. Classy lady the entire time I knew her. Oh, my, how lucky your family has been to have shared her for so long! Judy Welch Weaver

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**Judy Weaver** - November 30, 2018 at 07:35 AM

VW

“ I have nice memories of Jadeena. She was teaching at Lincoln when I began teaching there. She was a very pretty and sweet lady. We send prayers of comfort for her family.



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**Virgil and Lavon Wiersig** - November 29, 2018 at 09:33 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Video Tribute



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**Marshall Funeral Homes** - November 29, 2018 at 05:02 PM

BB

“ So many memories of Jadeena and Durward.  
Very good people. May God be with her family.



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**Bill and Linda Beeler** - November 29, 2018 at 04:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for  
the family of Jadeena Leeper Brown.



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November 29, 2018 at 09:24 AM

JE

“ So sorry for your loss. She was a sweet person and a great teacher.  
She taught two of our daughters at Lincoln school.

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**Jerry and Joyce Egner** - November 28, 2018 at 10:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Jadeena Leeper Brown.



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November 28, 2018 at 08:56 PM



“ *Melba and family I'm so sorry for your loss. May God hold you close and comfort you during this difficult time. Kathy Walters Racette*



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**Kathy Walters Racette** - November 28, 2018 at 06:25 PM