



LaVerne Wise

October 31, 2012

Funeral services for Stena LaVerne Wise will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 2, 2012, at the Freedom First United Methodist Church with Pastor Scott Ware officiating. Interment will be in the Freedom Cemetery under the direction of the Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Stena LaVerne Wise, daughter of the late Clay Owen and Gracie (Rippa) Duncan, was born July 25, 1935, in Lynn, Arkansas, and passed away October 31, 2012 at her home north of Freedom at the age of 77 years.

LaVerne attended several schools before completing her education in Pecos, Texas. She was united in marriage to Paul G. Pearrow in 1953 and they had three children: Larry, Gary, and Paula. After Paul's accidental death in 1958, she married E. F. Wise in Pecos, Texas, on May 15, 1959. They moved to the Freedom area where they farmed, ranched and they raised their family.

LaVerne was a people person and enjoyed being a part of her community. She drove a school bus for the Freedom Schools for 16 years. She was active in Eastern Star and participated in all aspects of the organization. LaVerne was a member of the Freedom United Methodist Church and she enjoyed helping with funeral dinners and the annual Groundhog Supper. She was a church camp counselor and helped with Vacation Bible School for many summers. She served as a District President of UMW and was involved with the Wesley House in Alva.

LaVerne had a passion for photography and always carried a camera to be ready for every photo opportunity. She loved taking pictures of their ranch and

cattle drives and the landscapes of the area in every season. She had the honor of having some of her photos published in state magazines and area calendars and brochures.

LaVerne's greatest passion was her family. She was proud of her children and their accomplishments. She dearly loved her grandchildren and was in awe of her great grandchildren.

Besides her parents and first husband, LaVerne was preceded in death by one sister, Gurtha Campbell.

LaVerne is survived by her husband, E.F. of Freedom; two sons, Larry Wise and wife, Tamela, of Tecumseh; Gary Wise and wife, Connie, of Woodward; two daughters, Paula McMurphy and husband, Randy, of Alva; and Darla Wise of Durango, Colorado, as well as her brother, Vincent Duncan and wife, Margaret, of Lubbock, Texas, and brother-in-law, Conley Campbell, of Dalhart, Texas.

Also surviving are six grandchildren: Tory Hamlin and husband, Jeffrey, of Jacksonville, Florida; Cody McMurphy and wife, Megan, of Alva; Casey McMurphy and wife, Tracy, of Edmond; Jacey Welch and husband, Josh, of Perkins; Jared Wise of Edmond; and Joshua Wise and wife, Katie, of Tecumseh along with twelve great grandchildren: Brianna Dillon, Jaiden Dillon, Kailah Fessler, and Gavin Hamlin; Avery and Reece McMurphy; Layton and Grayson McMurphy; Howdy, Jay Paul, and Jagger Welch; Brooklyn and Reiley Wise, in addition to John Lastly, an honorary grandson, and other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Freedom First United Methodist Church or the Wesley House Foundation.

Tribute Wall



“ *LaVerne Wise*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *I was so very sorry to hear that LaVerne had passed on. I thought she was so nice the last time I talked to her on the phone. I know she will be a great loss to you. I&m sure your faith will serve you well in the coming years and you have good memories to hang on to. J C & Ethelle Wise Gardner*

Ethelle Wise Gardner - November 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am sorry for your loss. I hope you have peace in knowing LaVerne touched many lives. LaVerne was my very first counselor at Canyon Camp some 20 years ago and I have never forgotten her. LaVerne even took the time to write afterwards. I now send my children to Canyon Camp and know that some of my fondness stems from my experience with LaVerne. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Kim Elam - November 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry for the loss of your mom. She and I got to visit a few months back. She was always a joy and she always had a smile on her face. We talked about the days that we grew up together as kids. May God ease you pain. Will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.*

Lisa Evans Lopshire - November 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Paula im sorry about your loss sounds like freedom lost another good one my thoughts are with you, now you will have to be the #1 grandma!!!!!!!!!!!!big shoes to fill

Jennifer Murrow - November 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ What a loss for the Freedom community!!! LaVerne was such a kind, giving lady. Heaven was surely rejoicing as she entered there. We pray that her loved ones will find peace in knowing that she is in a better place and completely healed.

Jim & Sherry Beagley - November 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Paula & family...It&s so hard losing a parent, but we pray each of you can find comfort in special memories that fill your hearts. Most of all may you feel the love and peace which only our Lord can provide, now and in the days to come. Sincere regards.

Dale & Vaughna Schmidt - November 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Dear E.F., I am so very sorry to hear about LaVerne&s passing. Your and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Charlene Kilgore Terrell - November 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God comfort and bless your family .

Marie McDonald - November 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ Paula & family- Very sorry about your loss.

Nan Wheatley - November 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ E.F., Larry, Gary, Paula, Darla and spouses. I am so sorry to hear about your mothers passing and my friend Laverne. She has always been such a friend to our family and was also there when I came over to spend the night or have a fun day with you all. I am so sorry I can not be there to share the day with you all to remember her life. I love you all and she will always be a big part of my life. Again wish I could be there. Love you all.

Starla Oldhan - November 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WR

“ Paula, Gary and families, so very sorry for your loss - enjoyed talking to her at the rodeo. I want you to know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Losing the ones that you love is not easy, but stay strong and God will help you through this.

Wanda Reed - November 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Paula, Gary, Larry, Darla and families
So very sorry to hear about your Mom. We have lots of great memories of your mom. She was such a giving woman. She will be missed by her church and the town of freedom will not be the same. Lots of love and prayers to your family.

Carol Bowers - November 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Gary, Connie, and family, we are so sorry to learn of the loss of your mother. Praying that the Lord&s presence is especially real to you today as He brings you the comfort that only He can give.

Janice and Paula Odell - November 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Our hearts are heavy for the loss and pain you have, and at the same time can only imagine the reunion of those gone on before Laverne. We will deeply miss her love and her way of makeing all of us seem like somebody special. We love you and pray you rest on God&s comfort.

COMPTON FAMILY - November 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Paula and all your family, I was so sorry to hear of the loss of your precious mother. A Mom is hard to lose. My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family. With my sincere sympathy and love, Mary Lou

Mary Lou Murrow - November 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ To the family of Laverne, I&m so sorry for your loss of this sweet lady. Ya know, I have worked with Laverne on ALL her pictures at Wal-Mart for so many years. We had a pretty cute bond-I had told her that my grandma was no longer alive and that i needed to adopt one and asked her if she would be my grandma..so everytime she would come into Wal-Mart to the photo lab, i would hear her say, "Hello GrandDaughter!" i loved it! i always knew it was Laverne coming to see us to make all her pretty landscape pictures or pictures of her family, grand kids,etc. I know that our Lab will miss her shining smile as she strolled up to us asking for a helping hand! She was a great lady with a HUGE HEART and she definately will be remembered in my heart, along w/ my colleagues who knew her as well. Love you guys-God bless!

Stephanee Stewart - November 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Paula & Family*
So sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you at this time.
Debbie Walcott

Debbie Walcott - November 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *E.F. and family, We were very sorry to hear of LaVerne&s passing. We know the community of Freedom will miss her smiling face and contributions. She&s at peace and resting now. Our thoughts, prayers and sympathy to all of you.*

Dudley & Jeanne Winn - October 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM