



LaVona Irwin

July 17, 1925 - June 22, 2010

Funeral services for LaVona Ruth Irwin will be 10:00 a.m. Monday, June 28, 2010, at the Carmen Christian Church with Rev. Kirk Board officiating. Interment will be in the Aline Star Cemetery under the direction of Wentworth Mortuary, LLC. LaVona Ruth Irwin was born July 17, 1925, to Samuel F. And Viva (Hiatt) Sears on her grandparents farm east of Cleo Springs, Oklahoma, and passed away on June 22, 2010, at the age of 84 years, 11 months, and 5 days. She began school in Cleo Springs and later attended 4th grade in Alva before returning to Cleo Springs. Around the age of twelve, the family moved to Imperial, Nebraska. They moved back to Cleo Springs and she completed her high school years there, graduating in 1943. In February of that same year she met Clyde M. Irwin and they were married November 7, 1943. LaVona was working at a grocery store in Fairview at the time. They soon made their home on a farm two and one half miles south of Carmen, where they lived for the next twenty years, raising their daughters there. LaVona was a farm wife and mother who enjoyed vegetable and flower gardening and was a member of the Home Extension Club. She and Clyde were members of the First Christian Church in Aline, Oklahoma, where they helped establish a young married couples? Sunday School class that was very active. She was also a member of the Christian Women?s Fellowship. The family later moved their membership to the Carmen Christian Church in Carmen, Oklahoma. During the late 1950&s, LaVona began working at Reed?s Drug Store in Carmen. In the summer of 1964, LaVona, Clyde, and their daughter, Joyce, moved to

Anadarko, Oklahoma, where Clyde became right-of-way director for Western Farmer's Electric. LaVona began her higher education soon after they moved, first attending Oklahoma College of Liberal Arts in Chickasha, Oklahoma, then later to Southwestern State College in Weatherford, Oklahoma, where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education in May of 1971. Instead of teaching, LaVona chose to use her degree to set up her own business, Golden Treasurers, an art supply, craft, and antique store. After operating the store, teaching painting and crafts, she retired at the age of 72, selling the store contents at auction. She and Clyde then moved to Enid, Oklahoma, in 1997. Her hobbies were gardening, taking pictures, and traveling. Together she and Clyde traveled the U.S. from coast to coast and part of Canada, in addition to earlier travel during the 70s to Europe. In June of 2009, LaVona was diagnosed with cancer in her right leg and had surgery in addition to many weeks of radiation therapy. For the past year she has resided at The Arbors, an assisted living facility in Enid. Besides her parents and her husband, Clyde, she was preceded in death by a sister, Laura Belle May, and a son-in-law, Bruce Harvey. LaVona is survived by two daughters, Jana Harvey of Enid and Joyce Delano and husband, Dennis, of Arcadia, Oklahoma; a brother, Gerald Lee Sears and wife, Elly, of Cleo Springs; five grandchildren, Kristel Esparza and husband, Herman, of San Antonio, Texas, Heather Jennings and husband, Matt, of Highland Park, Illinois, Brandon Harvey and wife, Tiffany, of Enid, Nichole Delano of Arcadia, and Craig Delano and wife, Christy, of Oklahoma City. Also surviving are seven great grandchildren, Monica, Emily, Lauren, and Nathaniel Esparza, all of San Antonio, Clyde and Audrey Jennings, both of Highland Park, and Jersey Garrett of Enid; numerous nieces and nephews, other relatives, and friends. In lieu of flowers the family has requested memorial contributions be made through the funeral home to the Carmen Christian Church, the First Christian Church of Aline, or the United Methodist Church Building Fund of Carmen.

Tribute Wall



“ *LaVona Irwin*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *Dear Irwin family,
I was deeply saddened to hear of LaVona&s passing. My mother Jessamyn Ridpath Stidham, sister Stephanie and I always cherished our visits with Clyde and LaVona. As a young girl I visited their store in Anadarko. LaVona gave me a wooden oval box upon which she had hand-painted a flower. I still have and use in my room today. I think of her everytime I see it.
May God&s grace strengthen you and wrap his arms around you all during this time in your life. I find comfort knowing that my grandmother Wendell Gene Brooks is in heaven with her long-time friend smiling down on all of us.
With Heartfelt Condolences, Krystal (Stidham) Hays*

Krystal Stidham Hays - July 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Joyce, Jana and family, I am sorry for your lost as LaVona always made me feel welcome and part of her family. You are so blessed to have all the wonderful memories and pictures. I am sorry that I was not able to make it up to Carmen for the funeral. My prayers and thoughts are for you and families. Hugs and love you both dearly.
Your niece - Leslie*

Leslie Hazelton - July 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Jana and Joyce and family, Your mom was such a very sweet and classy lady. With 2 very loving special daughters. She will be missed by all who knew her. She was a great table mate for my mom (Geneva) at the Arbors. Praying for you this morning as you get through this very difficult time in your lives. I will see you at the hospital Jana when you return. In Christ&s love Iona*

Iona Morisse - June 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *To the family of LaVona Irwin, I offer my condolences for your loss. May God&s peace surround you as you remember and celebrate LaVona Irwin&s well-lived life. I pray for your safe travels as you gather over the next few days.
grace and peace; Rev. Brenda Fletchall*

Rev. Brenda Fletchall - June 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM