



Mary Nell Holder

May 8, 1928 - February 27, 2019

Memorial services for Mary Nell Holder will be held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, March 4, 2019, at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Dr. Carol Cook Moore officiating. Interment will be prior to the service under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Mary Nell, only child of the late John Harrell and Jessie (Rodgers) Pyeatt, was born May 8, 1928, in Thomas, Oklahoma, and passed away February 27, 2019, in Alva, Oklahoma, at the age of 90 years, 9 months, and 19 days.

Mary graduated from Thomas High School, then received her Bachelor's Degree in Home Economics from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. On December 21, 1947, she was united in marriage to Jimmy Ray Holder in her parent's home in Custer County, Oklahoma.

After Jim graduated from Pharmacy School, they moved to Alva, where Jim began his professional career at Monfort's. In 1952, they bought Hester Drug and began their business partnership when they opened as Holder Drug. Mary's varied jobs at the drug store included buying, bookkeeping, makeup consulting, decorating, and waiting on customers.

In 1955, they bought the residence at 811 College Avenue, where they lived till her passing. The large home gave housing, not only to the Holder family,

but to several college women needing boarding as they attended the fast growing Northwestern Oklahoma State University. While she always enjoyed her time at the drug store, her true delight was making a home for Jim, Susie, Sally, and Todd. Her kitchen never closed and her table always welcomed one more.

She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church, a member of the United Methodist Women, and a nearly 70 year member of the Fidelis Sunday School Class. She was also very active in her community, serving as a Girl Scout Leader, Rainbow Mother Advisor, and PTA member. She was a faithful participating member of PEO, Chapter AL, Eastern Star, American Legion Auxiliary, Holly Club, several bridge groups, and the Alva Golf and Country Club.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Jim, on February 8, 2017.

Mary is survived by two daughters, Mary Susan Simpson and husband, Brownie, of Shawnee, Kansas, and Sally Eggleston and husband, Ken, of Waynoka and one son, Todd Holder of Alva; six grandchildren, Emily Freeman and husband, Chris, of Shawnee, Kansas, Amanda Fehr and husband, Scott, of Lenexa, Kansas, Heidi Claassen and husband, Jed, of Newton, Kansas, Sara Warnick and husband, Garret, of Blanchard, Oklahoma, Adam Holder and wife, Lacey, of Oklahoma City, and Andrew Holder and wife, Kirsten, of Oklahoma City; ten great grandchildren: Isaac and Megan Freeman, Emma, Henry and Hudson Fehr, Livie, Claire and Cade Claassen, Mackie Warnick, and James "Jimmy" Graham Holder; one nephew, Dr. Scott Poole and wife, Lisa, and their son, Sam; one niece, Rev. Kimberly Poole; and a town full of friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Alva

First United Methodist Church, the NWOSU Foundation for the Holder Family Scholarship, or Share Medical Center.

Cemetery Details

Alva Municipal Cemetery

Flynn Street
Alva, OK 73717

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 4. 1:00 PM (CT)

Alva United Methodist Church
626 College Ave
Alva, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Nell Holder*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *Mary was a beautiful lady whom I admired very much. I remember getting to know Mary well when we attended swim exercise classes together at the Wellness Center. She was the sweetest lady and had this wit about her that I loved when we told jokes along with the pretty sparkle in her eyes. Mary and Jim raised a wonderful family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of the family. May God bless all of her dear family.*



Virgil and Lavon Wiersig - March 06, 2019 at 02:19 PM



“ *Holder family - my sincere condolences to you. I know you will miss this sweet lady!
prayers of comfort for you. Natalie Miller*

Natalie Miller - March 06, 2019 at 09:54 AM



“ *What a lovely lady, and a true gem of Alva. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Jody & Annie Evans - March 04, 2019 at 03:34 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Nell Holder.*



March 04, 2019 at 09:16 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Video Tribute*



Marshall Funeral Homes - March 03, 2019 at 12:24 PM



“ *Phil and Devona Friesen purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Nell Holder.*



Phil and Devona Friesen - March 02, 2019 at 05:51 PM



“ *I am saddened to hear of your mother's passing.
Blessings to her family.*

Jane Lewis Wiseman



JANE K WISEMAN - March 02, 2019 at 10:13 AM

HF

“ *Hooper Family lit a candle in memory of Mary Nell Holder*



Hooper Family - March 01, 2019 at 09:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Nell Holder.*



March 01, 2019 at 11:29 AM

BC

“ *Board of Corrections purchased the Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket for the family of Mary Nell Holder.*



Board of Corrections - March 01, 2019 at 11:06 AM

DC

“ Mrs. Holder was one of the nicest and loveliest ladies that I have ever known. I loved to go into Holder Drug because Jim and Mary always seemed to treat you as a special person and not just a customer. They really cared. Mrs. Holder always looked so pretty. She definitely made her mark in the world and she will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family.



Donise(Sterba)Cinnamon

Donise Cinnamon - March 01, 2019 at 10:35 AM

DS

Our sincere sympathy in the loss of this sweet lady. She & Jim raised such an amazing family who share the characteristic's of their parents. Earthly loss is Heaven's gain. May each of your hearts be warmed by special memories & the love of all who care so much for your family.

Dale & Vaughna Schmidt - March 01, 2019 at 12:03 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Nell Holder.



February 28, 2019 at 10:01 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Nell Holder.



February 28, 2019 at 09:33 PM

IE

“ *Mary was the definition of a classy woman, one I admired greatly. Jim has his bride back, but we are left with holes in our hearts. God be with all who were privileged to know her, her husband or her children.*

Ida Evans - February 28, 2019 at 09:24 PM

PH

“ *I have always admired Mary! She was a beautiful woman with a beautiful spirit, she was always so gracious and full of kind words, I will miss her and know that she is now reunited with Jim! God Bless all the family!*

Pat Headlee - February 28, 2019 at 07:29 PM