



Pearl English Crain

May 17, 1903 - January 24, 2009

Funeral services for Myrtle Pearl English Crain will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 30, 2009, at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Terry Martindale officiating. Interment will be in the Galena Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva. The casket will be open at the funeral home until 9:00 a.m. Friday, and remain closed at the church.

Pearl English Crain, daughter of the late Foster and Lillie (Leeper) Rose, was born May 17, 1903, at Galena, in Oklahoma Territory, and passed away January 24, 2009, at Share Convalescent Center in Alva, Oklahoma, at the age of 105 years, 8 months, and 8 days.

Pearl attended school at Northwestern State Normal School. She was united in marriage to Frank English in 1921. Frank and Pearl moved to their ranch in 1935 where they lived and raised their two children until Frank passed away in 1952. Pearl continued to live on and work the ranch and married Leon Crain in 1960. Pearl and Leon later moved to Alva.

Pearl's passion was raising horses. She also enjoyed doll collecting and during World War I she knitted gloves without the index finger for the soldiers. Pearl was a member of the First United Methodist Church and was active in the community.

Besides her parents and her husbands, Frank English and Leon Crain, she was preceded in death by one son, Marion "Buster" Foster English; one daughter, Loretta Gail Oshel; one brother, Basil Rose; and one sister, Leona Suhm.

Pearl is survived by four grandchildren, Dean Oshel and wife, Carol, of Dallas, Texas, Ken Oshel and wife, Lynn, of Santa Fe, New Mexico, David Oshel and wife, Alison, of Edmond, Oklahoma, and Lore Finley and husband, Jim, of Blunt, South Dakota; two sisters, Lorene Linder of Waynoka, and Ora LaVerne Landers of Salina, Kansas; one stepdaughter, Ann Farrar and husband, John, of Indiana; 12 great grandchildren; 13 great great grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the NWOSU Foundation.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pearl English Crain*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *I had the wonderful experience of getting to know Pearl when she lived next door to my parents. She was always cooking something special for my dad. He particularly loved her cinnamon rolls! I will never forget her taking the time to show me her doll collection. what a wonderful gal! Alva has lost a treasure!*

Nipper - February 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *My condolences to the family. May warm and loving memories forever keep her spirit close to your hearts.*

Gail Jackson - January 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family and Mother Pearl will definitely be missed.*

Lavanya Jaganathan - January 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Before I went to school, my parents, Perry & Ruth Thorndyke, would take me and my brother, Wayne, to the English home where the adults played pitch. I played with Buster (I think I have a picture of him in my early albums) and Wayne was closer to age of Loretta Gail. It was farm families getting together. One of the worst scoldings I still remember is saying I didn't like bologna at their house. My Mother was mortified and let me know it in no uncertain terms. Obviously we also shared food besides good times. Also, my brother and I took "expression lessons" from Ora Myrtle English all during school. My condolences to the grandchildren and great-grandchildren. I know you have good memories. Lavona Thorndyke Roush

Lavona Roush - January 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Aunt Pearl was one of greatest ladies I knew. My earliest memory of Aunt Pearl was from when I was a little boy. My grandmother (Lorene) took me out to the ranch to visit. She sliced an apple and handed it to me so I could feed one of her horses. I had more memories than this, her visiting us on Davis street when I was growing up. Dad teaching Jay and I how to hunt deer, quail, and turkey on her ranch. Many memories of my Aunt Pearl. I truly miss her, and will always have a special place for her in my heart and mind. She was truly a gift to us all. God Bless!
Jon Linder

Jon Linder - January 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Dear Family, We thank you for allowing us the priviledge of caring for "mother Pearl"..She has touched so many staff members lives. For that we are greatful.
Share Nursing Home Jane Gaskill

Jane Gaskill - January 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Thinking of the family this day.
Bill and Linda Beeler*

Bill and Linda Beeler - January 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Needless to say, Pearl was one of a kind..such a special lady. She and Frank were good friends of my parents. Many times, Pearl mentioned to me, that she was the first one to hold me, after my parents brought me home from the hospital. When I was a teenager, our youth group, at Green Valley, would go Christmas caroling out in the country. We always went to Pearl&s last,(near mid-night), looking forward to her annual treats of hot chocolate, homemade cookies, fudge, etc... they were the best!! I will truly miss visiting her at Share&s & seeing her smile. I loved her! We know Heaven has gained a devoted "farm gal". Our prayers are with each of you. Dale & Vaughna*

Dale & Vaughna Schmidt - January 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM