



Anne Riley Wise

January 23, 1913 - February 21, 2015

Anne L. (Riley) Wise was born in Holt, Missouri on January 23, 1913 to the late William Wilson and Beulah (Miller) Riley. She moved to Okmulgee in 1916 when her father established the Packard Essex Agency known as Riley Motor Company. Anne graduated from Okmulgee High School and attended Kidd-Key College in Sherman, Texas. She married James Sharples Wise on April 29, 1934. She was a lifetime member of the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer and was the last surviving member of her high school graduating class. Anne was known for her genuine interest and love of everyone she met. She had a charisma that drew, charmed and delighted everyone who met her.

Anne passed away on Saturday, February 21, 2015 at her Okmulgee home at 102 years of age.

Anne was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a son, James Wilson Wise, a son-in-law, Floyd Foster and two sisters, Virginia Riley and Billy Jean Bailey.

Survivors include her children, Virginia (Dindy) Foster of Tulsa and Christopher Riley Wise of Okmulgee, a daughter-in-law, Ann Wise Eldridge of Tulsa, grandchildren, Melanie Bigbie and husband Bane of Norman, Jim Wise of Okmulgee and Gilbert York, Jr. and wife Lisa of Bixby, and eight great grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Wednesday afternoon, February 25, 2015 from 2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. at the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11:00 A.M. Thursday, February 26, 2015 at the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer with The Reverend Edmund James officiating. Honorary casketbearers will be her great grandchildren, Brayden Buss, Maddy Wise, Will Wise, Grant Wise, Gage York, Nathan Bigbie, Ben Bigbie and Brett Bigbie. A reception will follow at the church. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to St. Jude's or the Okmulgee Public Library.

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB **25**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - Okmulgee
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Visitation

FEB **25**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel
303 E. 7th Street
Okmulgee, OK

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Episcopal Church of the Redeemer
4th Street and Seminole
Okmulgee, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Anne Riley Wise*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Anne was such a lady, I remember her from my youth. To each of you we send sincere sympathy. MaryMarie Thompson Berschback, Juanita Thompson, James Thompson*

mary marie berschback - May 07, 2015 at 08:51 AM



“ *Karen (Andrina) Hunt lit a candle in memory of Anne Riley Wise*



Karen (Andrina) Hunt - March 04, 2015 at 06:47 PM



Anne was a dear friend to my aunt and mother and I will always remember her as such a classy lady. She had a very full life during her 102 years. Thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time.

Karen (Andrina) Hunt - March 04, 2015 at 06:53 PM

CM

“ Oh My Goodness, where do I start! "Aunt Anne" was right next to my Mam-Ma in being the most influential person in my childhood. I will never forget all of the wonderful, hilarious, times. I can still hear her voice and raspy laugh (which she did so often). The times in her kitchen having mustard sandwiches, 4th of July when she sat on a bag of fireworks and somehow they all got ignited and sent her running down the driveway, listening to her and my mother having coffee and chatting on the screened porch, Christmas mornings running up the hill to see what Santa left. As I am writing and the memories come flooding in, I realize there are more than I can possibly write. From the time of nursery school with Dindy, all the way through college and adulthood, she was there.....always welcoming. I am so thankful she stayed as long as she did and hope now, she and my mother are having coffee and laughing about their time here.....and Ollie Mae is right there also.

Candee McGown - March 01, 2015 at 04:59 PM

DB

“ Dindy and Chris, Our thoughts are with you. Anne was such a wonderful person and we are blessed to have known her over many years. We will miss our visits. Gods blessings to the Wise Family with our Sympathy.

Don and Pam Burgess

Don and Pam Burgess - February 25, 2015 at 07:20 PM

GM

“ I have fond memories of Anne. As a young boy I lived on north Okmulgee across the street from her parents. Jim Bill was often there with her.
I looked forward to; going to her house to play on her beautiful property. She was always gracious while making my time there a joy.
George (Harold) McClendon

George McClendon - February 25, 2015 at 01:45 PM

JC

“ Anne was so amazing! Knowing her has been an honor to me. We will miss her always at the shop. She made everyone's day. Love and sympathy Jodie



Jo Anne Carnes - February 25, 2015 at 10:47 AM

RR

“ Condolences to Dindy and the family. My memories of Anne L are so warm. She was an amazing, powerful person, so important to my father, her cousin, Bob Riley. Without her love and support his whole life through, he wouldn't have become the fine man he was. I'm so glad my son Will, the last of the Rileys, got to know her when we visited Okmulgee a while back, when Will was 8 or 9. She was so kind, and took such a lively interest in him. She'll be missed by so many.

Rob Riley - February 25, 2015 at 01:04 AM

LP

“ *What a fine lady! She will be missed. We always enjoyed our summertime visits with her. Anne always told a story that made us laugh. She was a loving cousin and friend to my dad, Bob Riley. She called him "Bobby" and he loved it! I like to imagine them running around Holt, MO together as little tykes. Congrats on a wonderful life well lived! Dindy and Chris, you are in our thoughts. Take comfort in all of the wonderful memories you have of your mother. You made her proud. Peace.*



Lyn Riley Pearson - February 24, 2015 at 06:57 PM

KT

“ *A wonderful woman that I am thankful for, Anne Wise, Grandma to my Sister-in-Law, Melanie Wise Bigbie and Great Grandma to my handsome and delightful nephews, Nathan, Ben and Brett Bigbie. For without her, I would not have had these blessings in my life. It was an honor to have known "Biggie".*



Kathi Bigbie Trent - February 24, 2015 at 10:59 AM

C1

“ *Dindy, My thoughts are with you .. When we loose our mother we know our best friend is gone, But the memories are huge. God Bless you.*



Char Adams OHS 1960 - February 24, 2015 at 10:14 AM

KR

“ *Kim Randall lit a candle in memory of Anne Riley Wise*



Kim Randall - February 24, 2015 at 07:44 AM

JB

“ *Jean Baughman lit a candle in memory of Anne Riley Wise*



Jean Baughman - February 24, 2015 at 01:12 AM

JB

“ *A great lady who will be sadly missed by many. Your home now Anne, I shall miss your smile. I will remember you with fond memories. Jean x*

Jean Baughman - February 24, 2015 at 01:08 AM

BL

“ *Brook Milner Low lit a candle in memory of Anne Riley Wise*



Brook Milner Low - February 23, 2015 at 07:25 PM

BL

“ I have such fond memories of sweet Anne. She was a wonderful lady. Thinking of you Dindy and Chris. Keeping you all in my prayers.

Brook Milner Low - February 23, 2015 at 06:50 PM

BI

“ A lovely lady, full of life for 102 years! Thinking of you Dindy and Chris.

Bob English

Bob English - February 23, 2015 at 04:32 PM

BM

“ Anne Wise was a Grand Lady. She always smiled and said your name. Her charming and witty personality, always brought a smile to those around her. I enjoyed listening to her talk about tales from long ago of who lived there and who owned that and how this became that. She Loved Okmulgee. He always spoke very highly of my father and would reminiscing stories of long ago. She is behaps the last of her decade.

RIP Ann, you will be missed and fondly remembered.

Love,

B. Jacqueline (Jackie) Maloney-Mays



B. Jacqueline (Jackie) Maloney-Mays - February 23, 2015 at 03:39 PM



“ *Salmon Colored Rose and Purple Iris Mix (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Anne Riley Wise.*



February 23, 2015 at 10:53 AM



“ *Anne was a Wonderful person! We have fond memories of her visits to the ranch. We are praying for the Family in this time of Loss.*
Dwayne and Beverly Miller

Dwayne and Beverly Miller - February 23, 2015 at 09:10 AM



“ *Anne was a great person and we are blessed to have had her as a friend over many years. She will be missed and fondly remembered.*

Bob and Cathy Coyle

Bob and Cathy Coyle - February 23, 2015 at 08:39 AM



“ *Anne was a gracious, elegant lady. She always made us feel like part of her family. We will miss her smile and wit. We love you Anne.*
Dr. Larry and Zandra Christy

Zandra Christy - February 22, 2015 at 11:13 AM

JM

“ *What a wonderful lady Grandma Wise was. I got to know her many years ago as a friend of Jim and Gilberts growing up in Okmulgee. I always looked forward to hearing from her in Christmas card or a note of congratulations for when my children were born or graduated. I had not seen her in awhile due to living out of state but Gma Wise was always a Grandmother to all of her Grand children's friends. My heart is heavy with the news but I know she is rejoicing on going home and joining our lord and her loved ones. To Dindy, Chris, Melanie, Jim and Gilbert and the rest of the family Kris and I send our prayers and sympathy.*

John A. McLarty - February 22, 2015 at 10:24 AM

JU

“ *May your beautiful memories of yesterdays always remain in your heart, and the love of your Mother give you strength and courage during these difficult times. God's Blessings to The Wise Family. With My Sympathy. Judy Volturo Saxton*

Judy - February 22, 2015 at 09:59 AM

CL

“ *Ms. Wise will be greatly missed by all, she touched alot of lives, her smile was infectious, her quick wit never changed. Through everything she never complained. Everyone here at the Medical Center (OMH) are heart broken with her passing but we all know she is finally at peace. Prayers for all of her family.*



Charlena Uplinger, LPN - February 22, 2015 at 08:03 AM

RK

“ *Rebecca Koenig lit a candle in memory of Anne Riley Wise*



Rebecca Koenig - February 21, 2015 at 10:44 PM

BA

“ *A wonderful lady ~ RIP Anne ~ Praying for strength, comfort and peace for the family.*



Becky Arnold - February 21, 2015 at 08:00 PM

WH

Anne had such gift! Not many people could get away with calling me "Wadie" but Anne could. David spent many hours with her sharing the many stories and memories of the town she loved so much, Okmulgee. My prayers are with the family.

Wade Hall

Wade Hall - February 22, 2015 at 10:39 AM

CT

I am so sorry for your loss. Robert and I shared many fond memories with Jim and Ann. My family joins me in prayers for your family and we know that she is in another beautiful home with God. Peace be with you all. The Robert Taylor Family.

Caryl Tayloe - February 22, 2015 at 11:23 AM

JG

I have a lifetime of fond memories of Anne. From the time I was born she was a part of my life. Dindy and Chris my heart goes out to you ..Know your mother was loved by everyone that knew her.

Judy Riley Griffin - February 24, 2015 at 09:56 AM

NP

She had such style and grace, the biggest heart and the most wonderful smile. I'll never forget her kindness to me and her love for her sweet, cousin, my dad. They meant so much to each other--ports in the storm for them both. We will miss her always and are so sad that she's the last of that Riley generation. Rest in peace, dear Cousin Anne. We love you!!

Nan parson - February 24, 2015 at 03:43 PM

TJ

My condolence to the Wise family and also dear family friends to our hearts. We will miss Mrs. Anne Riley Wise and we will keep the Wise family in our thoughts and prayers as always. Dindy, Chris, Melanie and all the wise grandchildren may God give you peace for the loss of your mother and grandmother! The Jones family will miss her too and now she can see Ollie Mae Jones in Heaven:)

Terry Jones - February 24, 2015 at 05:07 PM

RH

I am so happy to have known Anne, Chris, Dindy and family. From the skirts and costumes they would dress up in when we came trick-or-treating as kids, just to make it more fun for the neighborhood kids- to the respectful way we were always treated by them as we rode "Brandy" their saint bernard, shot fireworks on the fourth and heard their cannon go off to celebrate the coming new year. I remember baby coca-colas offered at Anne's back door, and her unusual clear grasp of Okmulgee history and families. Not many were as generous to allow kids to be on their property to play as Anne and family when we were little. It was so fun to ride a sled or wagon down that long driveway! Alice (my wife) says she will miss the conversations as a guest of Anne's well known neighborly hospitality.

God bless you guys. We're fortunate that your family came to Okmulgee. Thanks for everything she and you brought into our lives. We will look forward to sharing the rest of our years with you and will see Anne when it's our turn to go with Jesus. With fond memories, due respect, and love. Randy & Alice Holleman.

Randy & Alice Holleman - February 25, 2015 at 11:47 PM

MB

Anne was an exceptional and loving woman. She will be missed by many. She left her mark on all of us who were fortunate enough to have known her. I send love and prayers Dindy. You too are a special person.

Mary Kay Polley Bullard - February 27, 2015 at 12:37 PM

CC

Just saw this Jim. Sorry about your Grandma. So many of our loved ones celebrating in Heaven together saving us a seat. Hugs to you my friend. Carolyn Casey

Carolyn Casey - March 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM