



## Bertha Grice

October 20, 1920 - March 7, 2012

Mary Lou Bertha Grice died in Tulsa on Wednesday, March 07, 2012 at 91 years of age. Bertha was born on October 20, 1920 in Texarkana, Texas to Pleas and Minnie (Mosley) Shipp. While an infant, her family moved to the Hickory Community in Murray County where she graduated from High School. After two years at Murray State College she transferred to Oklahoma State University, graduating in 1942. On November 22, 1944 in Roff, Oklahoma she married Ed Grice. Her career teaching Home Economics spanned 40 plus years with the last 30 spent in Hammon, Oklahoma. She was a member of the United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday School for 40 years. Bertha was a member of the O.E.A., Retired Teachers Organization and the O.V.A. where she served in all capacities in that State Organization. In 1977 she was Teacher of the Year in Custer County and in 1978 she was Outstanding Teacher of the regional area. She was also a member of the Red Moon Culture Club and the Hammon Garden Club. Bertha enjoyed gardening, knitting and sewing but more than anything she loved her family.

On March 29, 1976 her husband Ed Grice preceded her in death. She was also preceded by her parents, one son David Grice and a sister Elenore Dean.

Bertha is survived by one son Edgar/Eddie Grice and wife Mary, two granddaughters: Lisa Osborn and husband Mike, and Amy Cagle and husband Jason, five great grandchildren: Lindsay Osborn, Baylee Osborn, Trenton Osborn, Kaden Cagle and Briley Cagle all of Morris, and one sister

Lela Robinson of Ardmore.

Funeral services celebrating Bertha's life will be held on Friday, March 9, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. at the First United Methodist Church in Morris with Reverend Crystal Hughes officiating. Friends may view Bertha at the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home in Morris on Thursday from 5:00 – 7:00 P.M. A second funeral service will be held on Monday, March 12, 2012 at 2:00 P.M. at the First United Methodist Church in Hammon, Oklahoma with Pastor Chuck Gilbert officiating. Interment will follow at the Red Hill Cemetery in Hammon. Casket bearers will be Dorvan Ivey, Cole Ivey, Drew Ivey, Clay Ivey, Dolan Ivey, and Matt Creech.

# Cemetery Details

## Red Hill Cemetery

Hammon, OK

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - Morris  
421 South Hughes  
Morris, OK 74445  
(918) 756-1677  
info@mcclendon-winters.com  
<https://www.mcclendon-winters.com>

## Funeral Service

MAR 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church in Morris  
Morris, OK 74445

## Funeral Service

MAR 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church in Hammon  
Hammon, OK



# Tribute Wall



“ *Bertha Grice*

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December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *My heartfelt sympathy to your family, Mrs. Grice was a very favorite teacher of mine! She had a very wry sense of humor and made the classroom fun but at the same time we still learned! A lot of very good memories at Hammon High School! I'm sure she enjoyed her grandchildren and great-grandchildren!*

*Sincerely,  
Renee' (Chapman) Beaty*

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**Renee' Beaty** - March 12, 2012 at 12:36 AM



“ *What a wonderful Home Ec teacher Mrs. Grice was. She was also one of our class sponsors and she was willing to have a great time with her students. We went to the same church in Hammon and she always did the best home made rolls for Sunday lunch. I remember David playing at the church every now and then and Eddie's family attending every once in awhile. Grice, you are a legend at Hammon High, you will be missed!!!*

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**Susan Hodge Banks** - March 09, 2012 at 03:11 PM

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“ Recently, I received word that a legend has passed from our midst. Mary Lou Bertha Grice or “Grice” as we all knew and loved her has passed on to Glory. Grice was definitely one of a kind. She was a great teacher, a great person, and a lady who always was eager to help you no matter what! She taught anyone who was willing to learn to sew, cook, do leather work, nurses aide training, upholstering, and just about any skill she could think up. She always told us that if we ever got ourselves in a “pickle”—her words--- that we could fend for ourselves and our family. She preached being a homemaker, having a family, but she knew that not everyone would live happily ever after. She also knew that if we ever needed to get out and get a job, we would have some skills that we could use to provide for our families. I will never forget her making caramel apples, making us set the “perfect” table—which I still can’t believe most women don’t know how to do---, or her always saying “as you sew, so shall you rip” when we put a row of stitching in wrong or had to redo the dreaded zipper! She was a tiny lady, but she was mighty. She could single handedly take a group of 50 girls to the FHA rally or wrestle down a couple of rowdy boys on senior trip. I remember her holding a flashlight on the steps of the old yellow cheese bus when the headlights had gone out coming home from the rally. Yes, I have some wonderful memories. Later when I came back to teach, I was blessed to have her here beside me as a constant mentor. She always encouraged me to do my best, love all my students, and understand that no matter how rowdy or ornery, all kids had potential. Grice nominated me for DKG (Delta Kappa Gamma), a women’s teacher organization, and even after her retirement, we spent many years of traveling on Saturdays to meetings every month. One of the saddest days of my life was when she left Hammon to be near her kids. We still called one another, sent letters and Christmas cards, and talked by phone. The last few years have been hard, because the Grice I knew and loved was ravished by old age, disease, and a fading memory. Farewell old friend! Did I ever tell you, you were my hero???????

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Brenda Archer - March 09, 2012 at 12:18 PM