



Bettye Jane Grant

July 28, 1923 - March 6, 2012

Bettye Jane Grant, longtime Okmulgee resident, died on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 88 years of age. Bettye was born in Madill, Oklahoma on July 28, 1923 to Joe M. and Winnie (Hewell) Self. She attended the Episcopal Church of The Redeemer. In 1989 she retired as Editor of the Okmulgee Daily Times but continued to be active with the newspaper.

Her parents and one brother Bob Self preceded her in death.

Bettye is survived by two daughters: Nina Grant and JoKarol Langley both of Okmulgee, three grandchildren: Michelle D. King of Morris, Scott Langley and wife Jennifer of Okmulgee and Jill Langley-Washington of Okmulgee, eight great grandchildren: Kristan Turner and husband Jake of Okmulgee, Kade King of Morris, Katie King of Morris, Kylee Langley of Okmulgee, Dylan Langley of Okmulgee, Brock Langley of Okmulgee, Janessa Washington of Okmulgee and Markye McGee of Okmulgee and one great great grandchild Aiden Turner of Okmulgee.

A memorial service honoring Bettye's life will be held on Friday, March 9, 2012 at 2:00 P.M. at the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel in Okmulgee with Reverend Tommy Laxton officiating. Services will conclude at the chapel. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Thursday evening from 5-7 P.M. The family request memorial contributions be made to the Open Gate through the Episcopal Church of The Redeemer in Okmulgee 918-756-2384, 213 N. Seminole Ave. Okmulgee, OK 74447. Online condolences may be sent to www.mcclendon-winters.com

Cemetery Details

Inurnment

Tribute Wall



“ *Bettye Jane Grant*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *I had the pleasure of working with Bettye at the newspaper. She told me stories about my grandfather who was the Fire Chief. He had just passed away the year I started working at the paper. So for her to tell me that he was one of the nicest men she has ever worked with that really meant a lot to me. So I want to tell you that Bettye was one of the most wonderful women I have ever had the pleasure to work with, let alone know. She will truly be missed. I have since moved away and I would like to send my condolences. I am sorry that will not be able to attend her service.*

Carrie Bailey

March 08, 2012 at 11:38 PM

MK

“ To Mimi,

In the 42 years that I have been on this earth there have been only three constants; the love of my parents, the love of my children and the unwavering love and protection I always received from you. You protected us from all of the wrongs of the world with the fierceness of a lioness. I have so many memories that I am overwhelmed at times. I remember the many hours spent playing under your desk at the newspaper office. I don't know how many meetings and interviews you held, yet no one ever knew I was under that desk. I am the oldest grandchild, and the one who deemed you, "our Mimi". Yes, our Mimi, the maker of the greatest chocolate milkshakes, EVER. I can't count how many fire, car wreck, shooting and stabbing calls I was with you for. I think today, DHS might frown on that, but those are some of the greatest memories that I hold. You are the example that I try to live my life by, everyday. The example of a strong, single mom, with the same determination to raise strong children. Thank you for that. I hope I can be half the woman you were. I love you to the moon and back. You will live on in my heart until we meet again.

*Love, Your Oldest Grandchild,
Michelle*



Michelle Langley King - March 07, 2012 at 05:25 PM

SL

“ To my Mimi,
Thank you for your promises. You made promises to me as a boy, that some may see as to extreme to stand by. Yet, you never failed to deliver. I can still hear the songs you sang to me 30 years ago, in your voice. I still don't know what happened to the elephant after he fell on the monkey; but if it was anything like the first half of the song, I might not want to know. There is one thing I can honestly say you instilled in me. When you feel strongly in a particular topic, subject, idea, or belief; stick to what you know and remain firm in your decision. You instilled it, the Army burnished it, and I enforce it. I call it a pragmatic genetic predisposition by proxy. Some might call this hardheaded, but you and I know the truth. I love you, will miss you, but know this is the way it has to be, for now. See me soon, but not yet.
Your favorite grandson,

Scott

Scott Langley - March 06, 2012 at 04:53 PM

JM

Bettye Grant was the greatest thing that ever happened to citizens of Okmulgee. She loved this town, it's people and reporting the happenings, some sad and some happy. I remember her calling me many times telling me of something was going on in the county. Her first question would be; "have they called an ambulance yet?" If I said yes, she would say " come pick me up on the way!" There she would be either at the house or in front of the newspaper office with her pencil and tablet in hand. Back then we gave all the obits over the phone. There were no fax machines or emails. I remember her telling me if I saw Mr. Reynolds car in town, please call her, so her desk would be clean. There are so many stories over the last 40 years of dear Bettye, I will cherish them all. Her dad, Mr. Self worked with my grand dad C.J. Quinn at the Frisco Depot.. She will always be the "Grand Dame" of Okmulgee to me.

Jim McClendon - March 08, 2012 at 08:24 AM