



Jorene G. Coker

July 2, 1923 - September 1, 2018

Jorene G. Coker, 95 year old Okmulgee resident, passed away on Saturday, September 1, 2018 at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa. She was born July 2, 1923 in Okmulgee to the late Samuel and Martha (Gibson) Anderson. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charlie Coker. A graveside service will be held 1:00 P.M. Thursday, September 6, 2018 at the Okmulgee Cemetery.

Arrangements and cremation services have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee.

Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on Jorene's Tribute Page of our website at www.mcclendon-winters.com

Cemetery Details

Okmulgee Cemetery

2601 South Wood Drive
Okmulgee, OK 74447
(918) 756-5109

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 6. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jorene G. Coker*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Dear Sweet Jorene,
You will missed so much by so many. I love our talks and visits at the library and by mail. Your gift to write each of us will treasured always. The love you had for our environment has made many of us much more aware. Thank you for the friendship and love you have shown me over the years. The gifts you have given me are treasures I will always remember you the time and place each one represents. Rest in Peace, love and hugs to your family and yes we will see each other again.*

Friends in Christ

Petra Earhart

petra - September 06, 2018 at 12:02 PM

MK

“ I'm so sad and in absolute shock, and can't help but crying while I'm writing these lines.

First, I want the family to know how much I'm feeling with them in this most difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I lit candles in my church for Jorene and her family. May God comfort you as only He can.

Jorene was a wonderful lady, and a true and dear friend to me. It was a privilege to be her friend for this past 17 years. I admired her wit, enjoyed her style of letter-writing. What a joy when I opened my mailbox and there was a letter from Jorene, often accompanied by a gift. It always made my day. And I collected all of her letters and gifts in a box. I loved Jorene for being always so concerned about me, and about my Mother, too. She was always praying for us. As I was praying for her and her family. I'll miss Jorene, my pen pal, and sending her Jane Austen souvenirs and German chocolate. Since we both shared a passion for chocolate. This morning, I found Jorene's last letter in my mailbox. She was looking forward to me visiting with her this September. I only wish I could see her one more time.

But it's the greatest comfort to know she is healed now, no more pain. Walking in heaven with Charlie. Maybe talking to Jane Austen, her favorite author. And I truly believe I'll see her again, one day!!

Monika Freiin von Ketteler, Bremen/Germany

Monika Freiin von Ketteler - September 06, 2018 at 11:43 AM

CR

I just came across this. Though it has been many years since you wrote it, I wanted to let you know that Jorene, also known as Aunt Nonie, always spoke fondly of you and cherished your letters and friendship. Reading this today, on her birthday, brings back so many wonderful memories. Thank you!

Charla Rudesill - July 02, 2024 at 09:04 AM

DA

“ I am so sad to be saying goodbye to my aunt Nonie. I will miss her letters and those interesting boxes she sent to me. I would like to thank the relatives and friends that have taken care of her through these last years. I thank you for helping her when she could no longer do for herself. Thank you for being there for her even when it wasn't easy. I so appreciate all that you have done Now I say goodbye to my aunt Nonie, that I love you and I will see you again.

Debbie Anderson

Debbie Anderson - September 06, 2018 at 10:32 AM

AE

“ Arlene Efurd lit a candle in memory of Jorene G. Coker



Arlene Efurd - September 05, 2018 at 05:06 PM

HF

“ Hertha Freeman lit a candle in memory of Jorene G. Coker



Hertha Freeman - September 05, 2018 at 05:00 PM

GE

“ At the "Living Legends" Ceremony, Jorene spoke from her heart when accepting her award with her family and friends so tenderly taking care of her every need. I am thankful to have known her. I respected her honesty, integrity and for always speaking the truth to everyone. She often reminded elected officials of Mvskoke Nation who they worked for - the people. I loved seeing her on Veterans Day celebrations at MCN. When she asked me or others to move a chair, smile or do anything else, it was done without hesitation. She was proud of her military service to her country and proud to be Mvskoke. I am proud to have known her. I will miss seeing her head barely above the steering wheel driving on Wood Drive.

With admiration to you Jorene.

Gail Ellis - September 05, 2018 at 04:56 PM

KL

“ My Sincere condolences to the Anderson Family. I had grown very close to Jorene in the past year or so. She was the most thoughtful, loving and caring Lady. She was as smart as a tack. She was so knowledgeable and was very much into politics. Her concerns was for everyone. I Love this Lady with a passion. She told me many things that I will cherish forever. I am very saddened by her passing and I will cherish her memories forever. I truly didn't realize how close we had become until she passed and that was like a piece of my heart was gone. Rest In Peace, Jorene until we meet again. Jorene is gone but she will never be forgotten.



KoKo Lowe - September 05, 2018 at 04:35 PM

DM

“ *David Miller lit a candle in memory of Jorene G. Coker*



david miller - September 05, 2018 at 01:42 PM

LH

“ *Hello family, my prayers are with you. Jo became my friend 50 years ago. She taught me a lot about politics and work ethic. She mentored me to be a strong woman and to stand by the truth. Although we didn't get to spend too much time together here lately she was always in my thoughts and prayers. She was a beautiful person and I will miss her.*

Lizanne Holata - September 05, 2018 at 12:47 PM



“ My tribute on my Facebook page.

With a very heavy heart I must announce my dad's sister Jorene AKA my beloved aunt Nonie passed away this weekend. I will miss this spunky lady so much. She was a firecracker and highly educated. Even though I hadn't gotten to see her in years (she in Oklahoma me in California) we kept in touch by phone but mostly by letters. We were constant pen pals. So much so I'd send her Jane Austin stationary often because she loved her Jane Austin. Aunt Nonie was a tough unapologetic woman. This was part of her charm. She'd say things like "I only use my Jane Austin stationary for special people" 😭 Mind you this was written to me on PLAIN paper. 😭 Eventually I got a note on the special Jane Austin stationary and I felt victorious. I had to work for her approval and this was ok because when she gave it I knew it was earned and for real. Keaton was a different story, she loved everything about that kid. She'd send endless amounts of books to Keaton because she believed education was power and I've gotten that drive from her and my daddy. She was after all a teacher by degree and heart. Keaton will miss those "Aunt Nonie" packages, notes and books showing up every other month or at birthdays or Christmas. I would send her pages and pages of updates on the family and mostly what Keaton was up to and pictures of him. She so loved hearing about a Keaton's accomplishments and was overjoyed that one day we'd have a doctor in our family. She love to send me wonderful costume & Native jewelry, clothes that were way too small 😭 and memorabilia. I loved every package I'd get but I will miss my letters from her the most. I have saved them all. She had the worst writing but she loved writing and used every part of a page to do it. She did so much in her 95 years. She never wasted a moment and was always taking time to guide you whether you wanted it or not. ❤️ It's because she truly cared. I looked up to my aunt so much because she spent a lot of time trying to achieve rights for Native Americans. She worked tirelessly for her fellowman, so much so that she was inducted into the Muskogee Nation Living Legends. A honor that she earned ten times over. She herself was from the Creek tribe.

My aunt Nonie served our country in WW II and was stationed at Pearl Harbor. She began her service in the US Navy in 1944 and was part of the WAVES unit. All of this was spectacular, but to me she was my beloved aunt who I could ask about my Native heritage and she'd be happy to divulge any info freely. She taught me to swim literally and in life. I'll never forget her saying "Can you swim?" Me "Nope" Aunt Nonie "well right now is as good as any!" Then she threw me in at the deep end. I was like 5 I think 🤔🌀 I did however learn to swim that day. She taught me to be tough and fight for what I needed and wanted. She loved to be in cahoots with her sisters and my dad in scaring me every year we'd visit. I'd hear the tales of "the Deer Woman" and "the Hauncas" and little did she know I loved and ate up every second of those stories and tell those stories often. I have wonderful memories of traveling to her old home, over those railroad tracks and up the dirt road to her pink house. She'd hand me a bowl and I'd go pick sweet blackberries off her vines by her gate. I loved rides in her V W Van. I loved hearing her tell a story and the sound of the Volkswagen as she drove, it was like a beautiful song. These are memories I'll keep for as long as I live and pass down to my child. I will forever be grateful for having her in my life as long as I did. There will never be another Aunt Nonie and our family will miss this huge matriarch. She is now with her dear husband Charlie, arguing I'm sure and greeting her sisters and brother(my daddy). I love you aunt Nonie and from my Creek language "Hvtvm Cehecare" (I will see you again) ❤️ Susie (Tooter)



Susie Taylor - September 05, 2018 at 11:29 AM

EK

“ *Earl Kelly lit a candle in memory of Jorene G. Coker*



Earl Kelly - September 05, 2018 at 10:53 AM