



Loretta May Branson

January 26, 1959 - February 4, 2012

Loretta May Branson, a resident of Sapulpa, passed away Saturday, February 4, 2012 in Okmulgee at the age of 53. She was born January 26, 1959 in Okmulgee to Barry Gene and Rita (Vonier) Branson. Loretta worked in the oil and gas industry all of her life, having been employed by LASMO and currently at Horizon Natural Resources. She loved to travel, whether it was by taking a cruise or exploring on an ATV. Her greatest joy was spending time with her family, especially being with her grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father and a brother, Arthur William Branson. She is survived by her mother, Rita Branson of Beggs, sons, Gary Reed of Moore, Oklahoma and Michael Reed and wife Jeana of Beggs, a daughter, Elizabeth Dixon and husband Andy of Morris, her companion, Mike Whittenburg of the home, brothers, Howard Branson and wife Jenny of Beggs, Barry Branson and wife Cindy of Skiatook, Jack Branson of Beggs, Richard Branson and wife Kathy of Sand Springs, and John Branson and wife Carrie of Tulsa, step-daughters, Angela Flock and husband Robby of Marietta, California and Staci Anderson of Tulsa, and her beloved grandchildren, Jarrod Ramie, R.C. Flock, Kayla Syers, Emily Reed, Allison Flock, Derek Reed, Beau Reed, Darren Schaffer, Gage Dixon and Jace Dixon. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral Services for Loretta will be held 10:00 A.M. Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at the Crossroads Baptist Church with Reverend Travis Markes

officiating. Cremation will follow the service. The family will receive friends on Tuesday evening from 5-7 P.M. at the funeral home. Friends may visit the funeral home from 1-8 P.M. Arrangements are under the direction of the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Beggs. Online condolences may be sent at www.mcclendon-winters.com

Previous Events

Service

FEB 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

Crossroads Baptist Church
Beggs, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Loretta May Branson*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Loretta you truly will be missed and my thoughts are with you all in the Branson family!##imported-begin##wesley jones##imported-end##*

February 08, 2012 at 01:57 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. We will keep you all in our prayers.##imported-begin##Steve & Lisa Rice- Driver##imported-end##*

February 08, 2012 at 01:05 PM



“ *I have known this family all my life. Rita has raised 5 hard working boys and a wonderful daughter. My love and prayers are with each member of this beautiful family. Rita, there can be nothing harder to bear than to lose a child. I pray God holds you close and He gives you and all the family the peace that only He can give. All my love prayers.##imported-begin##Vicki Brose##imported-end##*

February 08, 2012 at 10:50 AM



“Resolution of Respect

For

“Loretta Branson”

Whereas, in the providence of God, He has brought to a close the life of Loretta Branson, the officers and members of the Beggs All School Reunion, feel that it is befitting to express their sympathy to the Branson family during the passing of their love one. We commend you to Him who knoweth best and will always do right. You have our sincere prayers.

Be it Resolved, that we bow in humble submission to Him who never makes a mistake and remind the family to be encouraged by remembering this poem.

*When I must leave you for a little while
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you through the years.*

But start out bravely with a gallant smile;

And for my sake and in my name

Live on and do all things the same,

Feed not your loneliness on empty days,

But fill each waking hour in useful ways,

Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer

And I in turn will comfort you And hold you near;

And never, never be afraid ,

For I am waiting for you in the sky!

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be given to the family and a copy kept in the alumni archives.

DeAndrea Ross Cullom President

Ella Tharp Vice President###imported-begin##Ella Tharp###imported-end##

February 08, 2012 at 10:41 AM



“ Mike, Rita, Michael, Gary and Beth, I'm sure I don't need to tell you all this, but Loretta was such a special person. When I came to Beggs our 9th grade year. We were in basketball class before lunch. I didn't know anyone or where the lunch room was, so I was just standing there. Loretta came out after getting dressed and said, come on let's go to lunch. She took time to help the new kid. She was loved by many and will be missed greatly. Butch and I send our condolences and prayers to all of you.##imported-begin##Sherri Hanson##imported-end##

February 07, 2012 at 10:32 PM



“ Some of my greatest childhood memories are the times spent with the Bransons. How many times did we see Loretta with a handful of Howard or Barry's hair or an ear in her grasp while she performed the big sister role of keeping everyone in line! I am saddened by her passing but I know that Rita May and all of the boys have wonderful memories to cherish until they see her again. Gone too soon but never forgotten. Love all you Bransons.##imported-begin##brenda smith##imported-end##

February 07, 2012 at 10:17 PM



“ To all of the family of Loretta, our deepest condolences goes out to each and every one of you. Always lean on each other for support like your family has always done, and share the cherished moments that you've had with each other to help everyone through this time. Your loving family is in our thoughts & prayers...##imported-begin##The Crook Family (Tim, Dana, Lindsay, "Little Crook" Payton)##imported-end##

February 07, 2012 at 09:49 PM



“ You always had a hug and a smile for me, I will miss you till we meet again.
Love You Loretta...##imported-begin##Denny Beard##imported-end##

February 07, 2012 at 09:17 PM



“ We are very sorry for your loss, Loretta was a special lady, and will be missed dearly. I wish I would have had the chance to thank her for always being there for Steve. I know she always had a open door for him and I appreciated that more than she knew. We will keep your family in our prayers.##imported-begin##Carolyn Jo Campbell##imported-end##

February 07, 2012 at 08:15 PM



“ We are so sorry for the loss of Loretta such a strong and loving family. Please call on us if we can be of any help. Our prayers are with you, Bless your hearts charley and cathie##imported-begin##charley and cathie davidson##imported-end##

February 07, 2012 at 04:02 PM



“ You will be missed, we love you!!##imported-begin##Ranae, Corey, Kendall##imported-end##

February 07, 2012 at 03:05 PM



“ Gary, we are sorry to hear of your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers....##imported-begin##Jim, Irene, Shaun Moore##imported-end##

February 07, 2012 at 02:56 PM



“ May the Lord gather you in his arms and comfort you in your time of grief.##imported-begin##The Billings Family##imported-end##

February 07, 2012 at 01:31 PM



“ Mike and family, prayers are with you and hugs to you all. She will truly be missed. Love you guys and see you soon.

Becky and family##imported-begin##Becky Pennington##imported-end##

February 07, 2012 at 12:05 PM



“ I hope your family can feel the prayers we are sending you. Loretta was a great person and will be truly missed. I still imagine her coaching our little league softball team. I cherish those times. Much love and prayers!##imported-begin##Danielle (Gleason) Brigance##imported-end##

February 07, 2012 at 11:58 AM



“ So glad I had nice visit with you last tuesday at ballgame. Our families go way back and I've watched you and brothers grow up. My condolences to the family you are in our prayers.

Jean,Hank,Gina###imported-begin##Jean Miller###imported-end##

February 07, 2012 at 11:42 AM



“ Mike W., Mike, Gary & Beth, Rita & family
There's not enough nice things we can say about Loretta. Grew up with her, had kids growing up with her kids, shared a lot of laughs with her. She was truly an awesome person to know & love. John and my prayers are with you all at this time and always. Keep the faith. John & Gwen Dodd###imported-begin##Gwen & John Dodd###imported-end##

February 07, 2012 at 10:11 AM



“ Trully sadden to hear about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Loretta will be missed by so many. Love to all.
Kelli###imported-begin##Bill & Kelli Crook Holman###imported-end##

February 07, 2012 at 09:12 AM



“ To the Branson-Reed family: I worked with Loretta at LASMO. She was a very special person loved and admired by all. A classy lady with an infection laugh. I will miss her.

I am so very sorry for your loss and I will pray for your family.

Anne Terrell##imported-begin##Anne Terrell##imported-end##

February 07, 2012 at 09:01 AM



“ May the family of Loretta Branson find comfort in your loving memories, and in knowing that God is "near to those that are broken at heart; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves." (Psalm 34:18) While grief at the loss of Loretta is great, joy at receiving her back in the resurrection will be greater. (Mark 5:42) With deepest sympathy,##imported-begin##valerie thompson##imported-end##

February 07, 2012 at 08:20 AM



“ Mike, Gary, & Beth My heart goes out to you. The loss of your mother is a going to be a long hard journey. My thoughts and prayers will be with you, We have been a part of your family for so many years. We love and will miss her always Karen##imported-begin##Karen (brownfield) Stroud##imported-end##

February 07, 2012 at 08:15 AM



“ Mike, Beth & family: We are so very sorry to hear of your loss. Your family will be in our prayers.##imported-begin##Ronnie & Cindy Kell##imported-end##

February 07, 2012 at 07:41 AM



“ Growing up, I attended a lot of different schools - always having to say goodbye to friends when we moved away. Attending BHS my last two years of High School was a blessing in so many ways. When I think back to those days in the hallways of the old HS, nights at football games and just "hanging out", one of the faces that is always there is Loretta's. While my time in Beggs was short, it was long enough to realize the special place Loretta held in so many hearts - and the sadness that is being felt by so many whose lives she touched. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends - JoAnn & Steve Woody###imported-begin###JoAnn Woody###imported-end###

February 06, 2012 at 11:17 PM



“ Mike, Gary and Beth, Sorry to hear about your mother you guys will be in my thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin###Lisa Reed Swinney###imported-end###

February 06, 2012 at 08:43 PM



“ I just wanted to type a note to say that words cannot express the sorrow I feel for the loss of an awesome lady. She has been a part of my life since I was 5.###imported-begin###Julie Varner Grammer###imported-end###

February 06, 2012 at 06:09 PM



“ I pray the Lord is with you in this time of sorrow.###imported-begin###Dave Moore###imported-end###

February 06, 2012 at 03:56 PM