



Mary Louise Lee

November 22, 1916 - November 15, 2012

Mary Louise Lee died at home, surrounded by family, on Thursday, November 15, 2012 at 95 years of age. Mary was born November 22, 1916 in Okmulgee to August Florent and Henrietta Mae (Clark) Collette. On January 15, 1937 she married Robert Edward Lee. She began working as a Nurse Aid at St. Francis Hospital when it opened and retired after twenty years. Mary loved to bake cakes and quilt. She was a member of the Duck Creek Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Robert E. Lee on July 23, 1982, a great grandchild Sara Beth Bales and a sister Virginia Ashlock.

Mary is survived by four children: son Robert Eldon Lee and wife Joyce of Mounds, daughter Sharon Tittle and husband J.E. of Mounds, daughter Ruth Ann Madison and husband Spike of Mounds and daughter Nancy Harmon and husband Richard of Jenks, twelve grandchildren: Robin Miller, Cindy Bales, Jobie Wagnon, Amy Church, Shari Bean, Mark Tittle, Michelle Warrington, Krista Wise, Lee Ann King, Lori Jill Henderson, David Harmon and Chris Harmon, twenty great grandchildren: Robert Austin Miller, Maegan Miller, Molly Katherine Bales, Shelbie Wagnon, Tyler Wagnon, Cade Church, Makenley Church, Amber Rice, Whitney Hanson, Katelyn Tittle, Ryan Tittle, Mason Tittle, Avery Tittle, Cody Scott, Ericka Upperman, Brady Williams, Bryce Lewellen, Jared Wise, Kylee Henderson and Jordan Harmon and two great great grandchildren: Ryker Scott and Laney Hanson.

A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at 2:00 P.M. at

the First Assembly of God Church in Beggs with Reverend Robert Yandell officiating. Interment will follow at the Beggs Cemetery. The great grandsons will be her casketbearers. Friends may view Mary on Sunday with the family present to greet guests at the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home in Beggs from 2:00 – 6:00 P.M.

Cemetery Details

Beggs Cemetery

West Hwy 16
Beggs, OK

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 18. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - Beggs
205 West Main
PO Box 750 (for mail)
Beggs, OK 74421
(918) 267-4444
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Funeral Service

NOV 20. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Assembly of God Beggs
400 E. Main
Beggs, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Louise Lee*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM

“Grandma Mary was a happy, funny, easy going person. She always seemed to enjoy life and whatever situation was in front of her. She never complained, she never had a negative comment about anyone or anything. She was a happy optimist, with a smile on her pretty face. She always made everyone laugh. She had funny sayings and the way she said them was always hilarious, and with lots of emphasis. Here are some of her sayings, "Lands a Livin", "Heavens to Betsy", "Eee Gads", and "Where's my Purse"...!!!!!! Grandma Mary was a "HOOT".. up until the very end...!!!!

Grandma Mary worked at St Francis Hospital from 1960 until 1981. She would get up every single day at 4:30 am to work the early morning shift. She was a nurse and a good one. She loved working and her patients and and co-workers loved her. I remember being amazed at the fact that my Grandma worked, back in those days, women didn't work as much as they do now. Grandma never missed a day of work, no matter what the weather was, or if she was feeling a little under the weather. Her patients needed her. She rode to work with Jean Bethel, Bertha Ennis, and Lillie Tuttle. They all took turns driving. Grandma always had a story to tell about something that had happened at the hospital that day, or a funny story about the ride to work or the ride home. We loved hearing her stories, she was a pretty good story teller. Her work ethic left a lasting impression on me. She instilled the fact that women could work and still have a good happy home life.

Grandma Mary loved to bake...She made the all time best Brownies ever. We will never be able to duplicate her brownies. I think she enjoyed the fact that she could bake brownies better than anyone ever...! We used to beg her for her Brownie recipe, but she would always just smile and laugh and change the subject. I'm not sure if it was so simple she thought we were joking, or if she did them from memory rather than a recipe. But if anyone ever had the pleasure of eating Grandma's brownies, you know exactly what I mean. She also baked one heck of a Lemon Cake.. She would watch for Daddy to come by in the evenings and she would walk out, wave him

down, and send some yummy desert home with him. We all will miss those days.....

Grandma saved all her cans, she carefully would cut the tops off, and she never disturbed the labels. They seemed to always be perfect. Shari and I were amazed at all the cans Grandma Mary could save. In the summers, while Mark and Cindy were playing Cowboys and Indians in the barns and the gulleys behind the house, Shari and I would play Grocery Store. Grandpa Bob would drag up saw horses and put boards across the tops of them in the back yard under the huge shade tree. We would take all the cans Grandma Mary had so carefully saved all winter and set up a complete grocery store. Our cash register was an old cigar box. Grandpa Bob and Grandma Mary were our best customers. We would spend days and days doing that. We never worried about heat back in those days. I remember how proud we were of our grocery store.

At the end of those long summer days Grandma and Grandpa would load up all the kids in the back of Grandpa Bob's old pickup. He would drive us to the store to get us all an " Orange Pushup" Ice Cream. He would drive really slow, but we loved riding in the back of the old pickup and the wind felt so good. We loved those days...Endless days of summer...Such good times, and wonderful memories.

Grandma was also quite a seamstress. Shari and I loved to sew. We would set up a sewing room in the extra living room and sew dresses just alike. Grandma taught us how to sew. We decided one summer to design our own "Barbie clothes line". We even had our own labels made up, We spent the entire summer in Grandma Mary's extra living room sewing Barbie clothes. I don't remember if we sold any of our designs, but we had one heck of a time designing and sewing the most beautiful Barbie clothes ever. I still have some of those Barbie clothes with those labels careful

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Grandma never worried or stressed about kids or messes in her house. She was never bothered by little unimportant things like that. She was a good Grandma..!!!

There will never be another Grandma Mary Lou..! She laughed, she loved, she lived her life to its fullest for one week short of 96 years. She left behind a large family of many and even the great grandchildren got a kick out of Grandma Mary and her never ending sense of humor..

LIVE, LAUGH, LOVE....that was Grandma Mary..!!

I can't think of a better way to live your life or a better way to be remembered..!!

Your Grand Daughter,

Robin Lee Miller

Robin Suzanne Lee Miller - November 19, 2012 at 11:49 AM

JH

“Wow! Mary Lou Lee was one of the first people I met in 1968 when I moved to 231st St. The Lee family is awesome and saved my life! Mary Lou was a sweetheart and always interested in everyone else and wore a smile. She looks the same in her picture as she did back then and the family will have much to hold dear. I know all of her kids, in-laws, and grandkids and while I haven't seen them in years, they are a wonderful family.

My own mother died suddenly at almost 89 in May, so I empathize with your loss...the holidays will not be the same, but aren't we blessed to have had them for so long?

Love you all, Robert Eldon and Joyce, Nancy and Dick, Sharon and J.D., Ruthanne and Spike, Glenda and families...so many great memories of my "country life." I tried to get to the viewing, but didn't quite make it...

*God Bless you from,
Janie, Margie, Jennifer and Jeff and my 6 grandchildren. (each have a boy and girl)*

Janie (Smallwood) Hedrick - November 19, 2012 at 10:30 AM

CB

“ Memories of :

1) *holidays with family*

2) *riding our bikes down the hill to see her and then back up the hill and back down the hill and then up the hill many times throughout the day*

3) *playing Cowboys and Indians in the barns and pretending that her house was the saloon.... she would serve us root beer in mugs and at some point, she got real mugs for us and boy, we thought we were really in a saloon!*

4) *the boys (and I was the only girl) would chew tobacco while we were playing so Grandma Mary kept coconut or raisins for me to use! Both made a big lump in my cheek and lots of juice for spitting. She was very clever and made a little tomboy very happy.*

6) *She took me to the hospital with her to volunteer as the angel that gave out things for Christmas. I don't remember what we gave to the patients but I remember my angel outfit (I probably didn't enjoy the outfit or the halo since I enjoyed drinking root beer at the "saloon" and pretending coconut was tobacco) and going to each room. It was a very moving experience that I will always remember.*

7) *Going to see Gone with the Wind with her and mom. That is my first memory of seeing a movie and man, it was a long movie! It was so late when it was over and I believe that Grandma Mary slept through the last half to it.*

Grandma's laugh and sense of humor till the very end was a blessing for all of us.

*She was very worried about her purse. "Where's my purse?"
Hope they sent one with her!*

Love you, Grandma.

Cindy (Lee) Bales - November 17, 2012 at 10:53 AM