



Mary Elizabeth Purvine

December 16, 1915 - February 4, 2010

Mary Elizabeth Farned Purvine, better known as Elizabeth Purvine, of Okmulgee Oklahoma, at the blessed age of 94, was called from restful sleep within the comfort of her own bed, to begin the next part of her journey with her Lord and Savior.

Elizabeth Purvine was born on December 16, 1915 to Lettie C. Farned and Fred Farned. She was the oldest of three siblings, Evans Farned and Katherine Farned McCormack. Although she grew up in Mississippi and Arkansas, it was Okmulgee that she moved to during her teenage years. It was here she called home and lived out the rest of her days. Elizabeth graduated from Okmulgee High School, class of 1934. Soon after she met her soulmate, Wesley Auverne Purvine, also of Okmulgee. After years of courting, their engagement led to a private marriage service in Piedmont, Oklahoma on May 24, 1936, where the bride wore a light-blue two-piece ensemble. She recalled that the dessert at their wedding dinner was home grown peaches. That precious day was followed by 57 years of beloved companionship, until her Auverne was called Home early in 1993.

Throughout her life, her service, loyalty, duty and honor, was dedicated to Jesus Christ, her Savior; Wesley Purvine, her husband; Glenda Purvine, her only daughter; Jerry Purvine and Robert Purvine, her sons; and her ten precious grandchildren and 22 adored great-grandchildren, and one darling

great-great-grandchild.

Elizabeth humbly served her Lord with years of dedication to Butler Memorial United Methodist Church. As a Charter Member of this church, she dutifully ministered with heartfelt devotion until the doors were closed to this church in December 2008, only to have new doors open to her at Schuler Methodist Church. Throughout the years, her service to the church included President of the Women's Society of Christian Service, as well as the many offices of the church board and United Methodist Women.

She is predeceased by her husband, Auverne; her parents, Lettie and Fred; her daughter, Glenda; her brother, Evans; her sister, Kathryn; and one great-grandchild Madison Purvine. She is survived by Jerry and Joanne Purvine, Okmulgee, OK; Bobby and Sandy Purvine, Moore, OK; Joe and Carolyn Purvine, Tulsa, OK; Debbie Smith, Norman, OK; Gina Soukup, Pryor, OK; Beth Ann and James Harrison, Oklahoma City, OK; Michael and Tonya Purvine, Oklahoma City, OK; Stephen and Amber Purvine Hodge, Edmond, OK; Joseph and Mary Beth Purvine, Dickson, TN; Mike and Debbie Garner, Fort Worth, TX; Brett and Carla Purvine, Oklahoma City, OK; Bobbi Jean Purvine, Midwest City, OK; Mindy and Kevin Clay, Oklahoma City, OK.

As we say goodbye to our great matriarch, we invite all who have shared in knowing and loving this beautiful, gentile Lady to join us. Services in celebration of Elizabeth's glorious and blessed life will be held on 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel in Okmulgee with the Reverend Josheua E. Blanchard officiating. Casketbearers will be Joe Purvine, Mike Purvine, Bret Purvine, Mike Garner, Donald Evans McCormick and Dale Farned. Friends may visit the funeral home on Monday from 9-8 and the family will be present to receive friends from 6-8 P.M.

Previous Events

Service

FEB 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel
303 E. 7th Street
Okmulgee, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Elizabeth Purvine*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *We are friends of Jerry Purvine. We live in Morris. Our sons Dean & Dale worked with him in the USDA. Just wanted to send our condolences. Sincerely, Dwayne & Beverly Miller##imported-begin##Dwayne & Beverly Miller##imported-end##*

February 10, 2010 at 09:15 PM



“ *I will always see Aunt Beth welcoming me into her home and inviting me to have some pecan pie, which was the best in the world at least for an 8 year old and for a 57 year old. She will always be in my heart and I will always hear her southern voice with fondness. Thank you for being my Aunt. Lou##imported-begin##Louanne##imported-end##*

February 08, 2010 at 09:14 PM



“ *What a wonderful woman! What lucky Angels, to get the best pecan pie in the world. Her welcoming smile and warm hugs will be a bright memory, for as long as I live, and hopefully after. Thank you Aunt Beth, for your love, warmth, sense of honor and humanity, you have my love for as long as I can send it to you.*

Buddy##imported-begin##Bud Purvine##imported-end##

February 08, 2010 at 06:28 PM



“ Dear Family,
Our hearts and prayers go out to you with the loss of Bess. How blessed you all were to have her for so many years and wonderful memories to cherish forever.
We are proud to have been a part of her extended family. Bess was such a comfort to Mickey especially those last few years before we lost Mickey.
Our Love
Jim and Wanda Stevenson##imported-begin##Jim and Wanda Stevenson##imported-end##

February 08, 2010 at 05:04 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear about your dear mother. Our hearts and love go out to you during difficult time. She apparently was a wonderful person, and I wish we had known her better. All our love and sympathy, Bob and Valerye Haley##imported-begin##Bob and Valerye (Bissett) Haley##imported-end##

February 08, 2010 at 12:46 PM



“ Elizabeth was a very sweet and nice person. She taught me in Sunday School at Butler Memorial Methodist Church. I will always remember her. Every summer we would buy the best tasting watermelons from her and Auvern. I will always remember her and cherish the memories I had with her.##imported-begin##Brenda (White) Wilson##imported-end##

February 08, 2010 at 09:18 AM



“ *What a beautifully written obituary. Elizabeth was one of my Sunday school teachers at Butler Memorial many, many years ago. I remember when I was young how I looked up to her. She was such a gentle, kind person, and always looked her best no matter what. She will be missed.##imported-begin##Carol (Webb) Williams##imported-end##*

February 08, 2010 at 08:40 AM



“ *We will miss you Aunt Beth! Love Natalie, Don, Margaret, Tamara, Donald, Reggie. The Smith,'s from Tulsa##imported-begin##Natalie Pritchett##imported-end##*

February 07, 2010 at 01:53 PM



“ *So sorry for the loss of your Mother and Grandmother. I knew her through Glenda and had met Glend's Children many years ago. She was a very lovely Lady and loved her Family so much. She will be missed. Eddie & Judy Hahne##imported-begin##Eddie and Judy Hahne##imported-end##*

February 06, 2010 at 11:35 AM



“ *I have known Elizabeth all of my life. She and her family lived in our neighborhood as I was growing up. They were a part of our lives. She was a beautiful person, in every way. I will really miss her, and always remember her.*

Jane Laxton##imported-begin##Jane Laxton##imported-end##

February 05, 2010 at 07:37 PM



“ I was born and raised in Okmulgee and I knew Mrs. Purvine my entire life and most all of it was at Butler Methodist church until I left in 1974 to go to college. She was always there as a spiritual teacher in Sunday school, having given me my first bible, and always remembered my birthday, and major events in my life. She lived her life for her Lord and was the embodiment of Christ's love on earth. In a way, I was formed as a product of loving people at Butler who came together to influence our formation in the church and as God's children. She is in the hearts and minds of many, but I am one who is eternally grateful for her kindness to me, my mother, father, sister, and my grandmother (Pearl Roberts) who she now rejoices with at the right hand of God the Father.

May the joy of the love she gave give us all comfort, for love shared is love that lives on in us, and the greatest we can do is pass it forward as she taught us to do.

love and peace to all of you and your family and friends.

Ken White
(son of Jane Laxton)###imported-begin###Ken White###imported-end##

February 05, 2010 at 06:10 PM



“ She taught me lessons in how to grow older with love, dignity, and joy.

She was always ready to go whenever God called her home. We should all live by this example.###imported-begin###Shirley McCormack###imported-end##

February 05, 2010 at 06:09 PM



“ I went to church with Elizabeth at Butler Memorial. I loved her dearly and will miss her.##imported-begin##Donna Menasco##imported-end##

February 05, 2010 at 02:40 PM



“ I am so very sad to hear of the passing of Elizabeth. She went to my church, and I thought she was just the sweetest little lady. We will all miss her at the Schuler Methodist Church. May God bless her family as they go through this difficult time.
Love and prayers,
Rebecca Osmond Hold##imported-begin##Rebecca Osmond Hold##imported-end##

February 05, 2010 at 10:09 AM

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I remember happy times with Uncle Lanky and Aunt Beth when I was little in the 1950s. What impressed me about her includes kind comments above. I can only add her wonderful voice, which had a depth and gentle strength in it --and love.

--Geo.

George Enos - March 13, 2021 at 04:26 AM