



Jessie Cleo Tabor

July 9, 1934 - July 14, 2013

Jessie Cleo Tabor was born to Irvin Sanford Payne and Nettie Cleo (Chambers) Payne on July 9, 1934 and passed from this life on July 14, 2013 at the age of 79 years.

Jesse graduated salutatorian from Whitehall High School, Pine Bluff, Arkansas. She was All-County Basketball Forward and Homecoming Queen. She attended Arkansas A & M at Monticello, Arkansas. She became a ready-to-wear buyer for Federated Department Stores (John A. Browns.) She enjoyed her many trips to the garment district in New York, Los Angeles and Dallas. She joined her two cousins, Harry and Danny Chambers at Kettle Restaurants, Inc. Houston, Tx as corporate secretary and was on the board of directors. She assisted Danny in the Industrial Catering Division for Chemical Plants, Oil Refineries, and Paper Mills. In 1975, Jessie started traveling frequently to watch University of Oklahoma football, where her twin sons, Paul and Phillip, played for the Oklahoma Sooners. She attended every home game while her sons were playing and almost all the away games including four Orange Bowls and one Fiesta Bowl. She continued her travels to watch her sons in their NFL careers with the Chicago Bears and New York Giants. One of the highlights of her travels, was a trip to Ireland and Scotland with her sister, Peggy. Her passion was restoration and she restored a 110 year old farm house in Brenham, Texas over many weekends and several years while living in Houston.

Jessie is survived by two sons: Paul and wife Lee Ann of Norman, OK and Phillip Tabor and wife Susie, Wynnewood, OK. She is also survived by five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Jessie was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers: Paul Payne and Robert Payne and sisters: Juanita (Johnnie) Dahlstrom, Grace Marie Payne Goggans, and Ella Lena (Peggy) Payne Hardin Goggans.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimers Association P.O. Box 96011 Washington, D.C. 20090-6011

Funeral services are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 17, 2013 at the First United Methodist Church in Pauls Valley with Rev. Mark Watson officiating. Interment will be in the Elmore City Cemetery under the direction of Wooster Funeral Home. You may send a condolence to the family at www.woosterfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Elmore City Cemetery

Elmore City, Ok

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 16. 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home and Cremation Services (Pauls Valley)
1601 South Chickasaw
Pauls Valley, OK 73075
(405) 238-7574
woosterfuneralhome@sbcglobal.net

Service

JUL 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church- Pauls Valley
407 N. Willow Street
Pauls Valley, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Jessie Cleo Tabor*



Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services - July 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jessie Cleo Tabor*

November 12, 2022 at 02:44 AM



“ *Condolences to Philip and Paul and family, sending you prayers. Claudia Wendt*

Claudia Wendt - July 16, 2013 at 11:18 PM

DS

“ To Phil, Paul and families,

I was greatly saddened today to learn of Jessie's passing. What a great lady. The 13 years I worked with her and the times since that we were able to visit were highlights in my life. Jessie was an advocate for me (I think she thought I didn't know) many times when I got myself into various situations and I would not have survived those without her support. Sharon and I loved her very much. The kids loved her because she always made them feel so welcome. Aaron was less than a month old when I met her.

Jessie was always so proud of her boys and her girls and her grandchildren. Paul and Phil, if you would have ever done anything to hurt Lee Ann or Suzie, you would have been disowned. They may have been your wives, but they were also her girls.

Sharon and I were talking tonight about what a great friend Jessie was to me and Sharon said it was like we were soulmates. Of course, we did find out we were related. Shortly after her trip to Europe and to the Ligon Castle, Sharon, Rachel and I stopped by to see Jessie. She showed us her relatives name listed in the Ligon family book and Rachel showed her my grandmother's name. We said then that it was no wonder we got along together.

We are praying for you and your families at this time of such loss. I believe that she is laughing and having a good time with clarity that she hasn't had for some time now. I look forward to having those experiences again with her.

Doyle, Sharon, Rachel, Jeffrey and Aaron

Doyle Smith - July 16, 2013 at 10:52 PM

JW

“ Phil and family, Our thoughts and prayers to you and family. So sorry for your loss. Joel Williams and family



Joel Williams - July 16, 2013 at 10:42 PM

DM

“ My mother, Sarah Wilkins, and Jessie were long life friends. Sending condolences to Paul and Phillip. Sandra Wilkins Wright

Dewana May - July 16, 2013 at 02:13 PM

DM

“ Sympathy and prayers to Paul, Phillip and family from the McBurnett Families of Redfield, AR. She and our sister Ivah Ruth were good friends throughout school. Nedra Kay and Dewana Sue

Dewana May - July 16, 2013 at 02:11 PM



“ Care and Compassion Spray was purchased for the family of Jessie Cleo Tabor.



July 16, 2013 at 02:04 PM

AM

“ We have lost a beautiful friend and she will certainly be missed by many. I grew up with Jessie in Redfield and spent one summer living with her and her mother. I wish I had been able to spent time with her in our later years but we all have to live our lives as they are laid out for us. Much Love and Prayers go out to her family. I wish the best for all of you. Ann Rinehart Musgrove

Ann Rinehart Musgrove - July 16, 2013 at 11:20 AM

SR

“ What a beautiful lady, smile and tribute to her life. Thanks for sharing this glimpse of a life well-lived, not without trials but overcome by the Blood. Please feel the warmth of love from your friends and family surrounding you. No tears in Heaven!

Sue Ellen Roberts - July 15, 2013 at 05:48 PM