



## Lola Dennis

May 22, 1919 - January 29, 2020

Lola Mayme Henson Dennis was born May 22, 1919, five miles northeast of Pauls Valley, Okla., and entered eternity with Jesus Christ on January 29, 2020. She was the oldest daughter of nine children born to John Henson and Hersey Phillips Henson. She attended school at Higgins Chapel and graduated from Rosedale High School, where she lettered in softball and basketball.

On July 13, 1940, Lola married James Dennis at the First Baptist Church parsonage in Pauls Valley, Okla. They raised three boys, Gary Allen, Danny Lynn, and James Dwight, in the Maysville area. They later moved to Elmore City, Okla., where, when Lola was 45 years old and a grandmother of three, she and James had a daughter, Dayna Beth.

Lola accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior at the Unity Missionary Baptist Church north of Maysville when she was in her early twenties. As her Christian walk grew, Lola taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, attended Women's Missionary Union, and served as church clerk at the First Baptist Church of Elmore City, where she was a member for more than forty years.

Throughout her life, Lola was active in the Extension Homemakers Group, where she served in all offices and enjoyed many bus tours with her club friends. She always looked forward to the county fair and the flower and vegetable show, where she had many entries.

Lola was a natural caregiver who spent her adolescence during the Great

Depression and the Dust Bowl, helping her mother care for the other eight children. She spent time sewing clothes for the family with flour sack fabric, as well as washing clothes, ironing, cooking, cleaning, picking cotton, and farming. Lola spent her twenties and thirties raising and caring for her three boys, and her forties and fifties caring for Dayna and James. After James's death in 1983, Lola always found someone to take care of. Even well into her eighties, Lola loaded up her friends – the “old people,” as she called them – and drove them to their doctor's appointments, church events, and restaurants. When she wasn't taking care of people, Lola tended to her yard and flowers, in which she took great pride.

Lola was blessed to be able to live on her own until she was 95 years old, before moving to The Willows Assisted Living Center in Pauls Valley, Okla., where she made many new friends. She later met many new friends at the Washita Valley Living Center in Pauls Valley.

Lola loved being outdoors and gardening. She also enjoyed sewing, reading, and playing dominoes. Lola loved life, people, her family, and, most importantly, Jesus. When the hospice chaplain asked her who Jesus was to her, she replied, “My everything.” Recently when her son-in-law asked her if she had a good day, Lola replied, “Every day is a good day. It's what you make of it.”

Lola is survived by her daughter, Dayna Chapman and her husband Darrell of Elmore City, Okla.; grandchildren Kent Dennis of Fort Worth, Texas, Brent Dennis of Henderson, Nev., Cindy Ritter and her husband Ted of Moseley, Va., Carrie McKnight and her husband Rod of Stroud, Okla., Vincent Dennis and his wife Kristen of Norman, Okla., Kelly Dennis of Abilene, Texas, Codey Dennis and his wife Donna of Stephenville, Texas, Kasey Chapman of Aurora, CO, and Keely Howard and her husband Creede of Elmore City, Okla.; daughters-in-law Margie Dennis of Noble, Okla., Darlene Dennis of Stephenville, Texas, Tana Dennis of Blanchard, Okla., and Alice Camp of Norman, Okla. She is also survived by one sister, Virginia Hopson of Pauls Valley, Okla.; 15 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins,

and friends.

Lola is preceded in death by her husband, James Dennis; sons, Gary Dennis, Danny Dennis, and Jimmy Dennis; parents John and Hersey Henson; brothers Grady Henson, Glen Henson, JC Henson, and Leo Henson; sisters Lois Obringer, Faye Henson, and Lillie Mae Francis.

Funeral services are scheduled for Friday, January 31 at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Elmore City, Okla., with grandson Kasey Chapman officiating. Burial will take place at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Pauls Valley, Okla., under the direction of Wooster Funeral Home in Elmore City.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olivet Cemetery

Hwy 77  
Pauls Valley, Ok

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 31. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church- Elmore City  
103 S. Arkansas  
Elmore City, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lola Dennis*

November 12, 2022 at 02:44 AM



“ *Leota McCoy & Shirley Wilkins lit a candle in memory of Lola Dennis*



**Leota McCoy & Shirley Wilkins** - February 07, 2020 at 11:59 PM



“ *Claudine Curtis lit a candle in memory of Lola Dennis*



**claudine curtis** - February 01, 2020 at 05:27 PM



“ *Gods Peace be with you and your family during this time of loss. Your mom was truly an amazing lady. Her smile and sweetness will be missed by many. But we will see her again in the sweet by and by.*



**glenda perry** - January 31, 2020 at 11:07 PM

GP

“ *Glenda Perry lit a candle in memory of Lola Dennis*



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**glenda perry** - January 31, 2020 at 10:56 PM

CF

“ *Dayna, your mom was such a sweet lady and mom enjoyed visiting with her at the Willows..So sorry for this great loss..Praying for peace n comfort for you n your family*❤️🙏

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**Caroline Frusher** - January 30, 2020 at 08:08 PM

MT

“ *Dayna I pray God wraps you and you family with great memories and comfort. Send hugs and prayers.*

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**Mary ann temple** - January 30, 2020 at 08:07 PM

AB

“ *Lola was a very sweet lady, one of Mothers friend from Church and the Willows. Prayers for you and your family. Alice Bush*

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**Alice Bush** - January 30, 2020 at 06:16 PM



“ I loved this sweet lady ,have so many good memories of her  
 She loved her flowers , she knew I didn't have a green thumb  
 She insisted i take a start of 2 different ones, she said i couldn't kill  
 them  
 They would come up on their own & they do every year.  
 Succulent plants they come up every year, i always think of her.  
 Love you Lola.....Rest Easy  
 And she also loved the color purple.



**Ella Lee Stewart** - January 30, 2020 at 05:21 PM

KB

*Lola was a lovely lady, I had the privelage to met her 5months ago ,  
 She had the best sense of humor She was 100 yrs old RIP my friend*

**Karen Blankenship** - January 30, 2020 at 11:39 PM

JW

“ *Judy Willis lit a candle in memory of Lola  
 Dennis*



**Judy Willis** - January 30, 2020 at 05:00 PM

SH

“ *Lovely Lady. Susie. Horton*

**susie horton** - January 30, 2020 at 04:43 PM



“ *Lola was Mama's best friend and sister-in-law. Mom will be happy to see her.* ”

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**June Markum** - January 30, 2020 at 11:14 AM