

## Marie Lorene Kennedy

October 14, 1916 - January 30, 2010

Marie Lorene Tutor Kennedy went home to be with her Savior on January 30, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the age of 93. Marie could not recover from the pneumonia that invaded her body. Born on October 14, 1916, Marie was the 8th of 10 children born to Jessie and Mae Tutor. Marie's family moved to Elmore City, Oklahoma in the 1920s, where she lived until 2008. At a young age, Marie accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and has sought to honor Him throughout her life. Growing up in the Great Depression, as a daughter of sharecroppers, Marie learned the value of hard work and never wasted anything that might come in handy later. In 1937, Marie married O. W. "Heavy" Kennedy, and they had four children: Pat, Jerry, Tony, and Ann Marie. In the 1970s after raising her family, Marie went to work at the State School in Pauls Valley.

Marie served faithfully in various roles at First Baptist Church, Elmore City for over 70 years. She loved her church family and especially her pastor. During this time Marie was blessed to travel around the country with the Baptist YWA (Acteens) groups that she sponsored.

Although she loved both her work and her church, Marie's greatest joy was her family. Even in young adulthood, Marie began leaving a legacy by raising her children to love the Lord. She was affectionately known as "Aunt Reedy" by dozens of nieces and nephews. As her children married and grandchildren arrived, Marie became forever known as "Meme" to her immediate family. Her grandchildren have fond memories of waking early to help her cut biscuits and

fry the bacon for big family breakfasts.

In 2007, Marie's husband and lifelong companion, Heavy passed away at the age of 90, just a few days before their 70th anniversary. She moved to Edmond in June 2008 to be closer to her children and grandchildren and enjoyed attending church at First Baptist Edmond with them. Marie is survived by her sons: Pat and his wife Iverna of Blair; Jerry and his wife Ruth of Watonga; Tony and his wife Sheryl of Edmond; and daughter Ann Bleything and her husband George of Edmond. She is also survived by 6 grandchildren and their spouses and 19 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband Heavy and grandson Bill Kennedy.

Marie's vivacious and outgoing personality endeared her to many throughout her life. She will be dearly missed by the multitude of family and friends. We look forward to the day that we will see her again before the throne of God, where she is rejoicing with her Savior even now.

Funeral services for Marie are scheduled for Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. in the Elmore City First Baptist Church with Dr. Bruce McCray officiating. Interment will be in the Elmore City Cemetery under the direction of Wooster Funeral Home. The family requests memorials be made to the Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children, 3800 N. May Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73112-6506. You may send a condolence to the family at [www.woosterfuneralhomes.com](http://www.woosterfuneralhomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 3. 10:30 AM (CT)

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

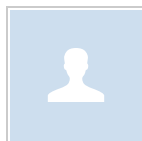
# Tribute Wall



“ *Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Marie Lorene Kennedy*

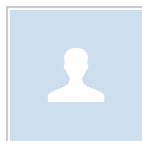


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**Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM



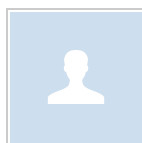
“ *Marie Lorene Kennedy*

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November 12, 2022 at 02:44 AM



“ *Marie goes back in my memories as far as I can remember. She was a neighbor when I was born, a friend of my mother, the mother of my friends Tony & Ann, and my teacher at church until I graduated. God Bless##imported-begin##Brenda "Williams" Smith##imported-end##*

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February 11, 2010 at 01:34 PM



“ *Mrs. Kennedy was a very special person to all who were lucky enough to know her. I knew her from the time that I was just a little kid growing up in church at Elmore City. She always had a smile for everyone she met. She will be very missed.##imported-begin##Lynette Wise Leidner##imported-end##*

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February 10, 2010 at 01:44 AM



“ Marie was a great example of God's wonderful love. I will always remember what a kind and caring person she was to not only her own family, but to those who were having difficulty in life's journey. May you find peace knowing she is your angel watching over you all. Her legacy will live on through her family for generations to come. Sincerely, Caroline##imported-begin##Caroline Reynolds Frusher##imported-end##

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February 08, 2010 at 10:25 AM



“ To the Kennedy family: Our sympathy to your family. Mrs. Kennedy will be deeply missed by all of you. She was a force to be reckoned with. We say that lovingly. Buddy and Regina##imported-begin##Buddy and Regina##imported-end##

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February 04, 2010 at 01:12 PM



“ Tony, Ann, Jerry and Pat.....words can not express the heart felt sympathy for you all in the loss of your blessed mother. She has been there for me through the years as she could solve every problem that came my way.....always pointing me to our Savior. The hugs, the smiles, her gentle nature....she extended her very self to us as well as many others, making us feel so special in the family of God. Due to some health issues of my mom and myself, we were not able to be with you today. I can only imagine in her glorious body as she is having the best time in heaven. She and Mom became the best of buddies before she moved to Edmond, and mom misses her greatly. Thank God we had her for a season! Our thoughts, prayers and love are with you all.##imported-begin##Sonny and Linda Chappell and Lawana Hill##imported-end##

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February 03, 2010 at 04:36 PM



“ Pat, Jerry, Tony, Ann:

*I'm so sorry. Your mother was a great lady. I loved and admired her, as did everyone who knew her. My thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Elaine Kennedy##imported-end##*

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February 03, 2010 at 04:25 PM



“ I cannot remember when Marie (and Heavy) were not an important part of our lives. First as close childhood neighbors, and then very loved friends through adulthood. I share in your sorrow. Enjoy the memories of the many good times. Marie and Heavy are together again for eternity with the Lord. With deepest sympathies to all of you,

*Wilma "Punkin"##imported-begin##Wilma Tomlinson Jones##imported-end##*

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February 03, 2010 at 02:26 PM



“ Pat, Sorry to hear of you mothers passing. You were able to have her for a good long time but we are never easy to say good bye to a loved one. God made us so we can forget the bad times and remember and cherish the good time and hope you can do just that.

*Dwight##imported-begin##dwight Pyle##imported-end##*

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February 03, 2010 at 12:31 PM



“ Mrs Kennedy taught us all, without saying a word, the meaning of commitment.##imported-begin##Charles Braden##imported-end##

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February 02, 2010 at 11:53 AM



“ *A gracious lady who always exemplified God's grace. A true Woman of God...##imported-begin##John and Bobby Lou Williams##imported-end##*

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February 02, 2010 at 11:43 AM



“ *I loved Marie, she made me laugh. She always called and checked on me and my Mama. She was a great friend to her. My Mama has dementia now and doesn't remember me or Marie, but she would be greatly sadden to know she had lost such a dear friend. Rest in peace with your Lord and Saviour. Deepest in sympathies to you all.##imported-begin##Cindy Tadlock##imported-end##*

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February 02, 2010 at 11:04 AM



“ Jerry, Pat, Tony, Ann and family I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You have been blessed to have your mother with you for so long. My sympathy, love and prayers are with you all, you will all have many happy memories to share with each other in the future. God Bless you all. I am sorry that distant in our lives will keep me from attending the services.

There is a saying that goes like this---They say it takes a minute to find a special person. An hour to appreciate them. A day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them. Marie was that such person. Do not value the things you have in your life, but value who you have in your life.

Thinking of you. "In times of sorrow, love heals." May your heart be touched by the love you have known and the joys you have shared. May you find comfort in knowing that caring, gentle thoughts are with you now.

With Deepest Sympathy##imported-begin##Harold  
Bradley##imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 09:45 PM



“ We love you, Meme. Thank you for being such a special Grandma and Great-grandma. Thank you for loving Jesus and others. Your selfless acts of service will always be an inspiration to our family. Have fun in heaven and some glad morning we'll all fly away!!

Love,

Angel, Scott, Abby, Micah, Luke, Caleb, and Ridge##imported-  
begin##Angela##imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 05:18 PM



“ Jerry, Pat, Tony, Ann and family,

*Words really cannot express what Marie meant in our lives. From the very first Sunday I came to FBC, Elmore City, Marie and Heavy took me in. When Karla and I began dating, she became one of Heavy and Marie's as much as I was. Marie actually stood in for my grandmother during our wedding ceremony back in 1986. Marie fed us, did my laundry while I was a student at OBU and generally just loved on us. I don't say all that to say Karla and I are somehow special. Marie loved on people all the time. It would be impossible to count the ways she was a blessing to others. She was the special one! And I miss her.*

*I'm thankful she is in the presence of Jesus. She loved him so much while on this earth. She is also reunited with Heavy. I'm certain that was a sweet reunion.*

*I look forward to spending time with her again when I get to Heaven. If we need to eat there, I'm sure she'll have something fixed!*

*Our family has prayed for you all and will continue to do so. We grieve with you as you grieve but not as those who have no hope. We'll celebrate with you on Wednesday from afar, but our hearts will be close to yours.*

*Love,*

*Jeff and Karla Pulliam##imported-begin##Jeff and Karla Pulliam##imported-end##*

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February 01, 2010 at 12:39 PM



“ I am so sorry for the loss of this wonderful Lady. I lived across from Marie and Heavy here in Elmore. She was so careing and loving with always sending card just when you needed them. This cold cruel world will not be the same without Marie's warm and loving smile and her wonderful laugh. She will be missed so much. She is now with the love of her life, and she and Heavy are looking down on us and she will figure out how to make her CD player work. She will be missed in the church here in Elmore. Sending my prayers for all of the family.##imported-begin##Carolyn Pettit##imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 12:11 PM



“ Jerry my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this very sorrowful time. Your mother meant so much to so many people and touched so many lifes. I will always remember her friendly smile, she loved all of us and we loved her. She will be missed by so many. She is home with your dad and we know they are both in heaven, what a peace of mind that is. I will be thinking about you all on Wednesday. Your Friend, Alice##imported-begin##Alice Bush##imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 08:36 AM



“ Marie was in a class of her own. She was a fantistic person. I have loved her all my life. She has made a difference in so many lives, and will be missed by many.##imported-begin##Patty Tomlinson McKee##imported-end##

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January 31, 2010 at 06:24 PM



“ *Pat,*  
*I am so sorry.*  
*Louise##imported-begin##Louise Gregg Rankin##imported-end##*

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January 31, 2010 at 05:25 PM



“ *Pat and Family*  
*Sorry to hear about your Mother.*  
*She was a Great Lady##imported-begin##Derrall Bell##imported-*  
*end##*

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January 31, 2010 at 04:52 PM