



Pearl O. Tomlinson

June 16, 1920 - November 24, 2014

Pearl Odema Tomlinson of Elmore City was born to James Wesley and Allie Brown Thomas on June 16, 1920 in Bigheart, since renamed Barnsdall, Oklahoma, and peacefully passed away November 24, 2014, in Oklahoma City at the age of 94 years, surrounded in love by members of her family.

Pearl grew up during the Great Depression. At an early age the family moved to Van Buren, Arkansas, where she attended elementary school. They then moved back to Oklahoma where she attended school at Burriss High and Pernell High School, from which she graduated as valedictorian of the class. Due to a shortage of teachers, she taught elementary school while attending her last two years of high school.

After high school she moved to Houston, Texas, where she worked and attended business school for a couple of years.

But then the boyfriend she had left back home called and proposed marriage over the telephone. She accepted and returned to marry Trudet T. Tomlinson on September 21, 1940 at Rush Creek Baptist Church. Their marriage lasted until his death in 2001.

They purchased a farm/ranch in the Elmore City area in 1945 and raised cattle, hogs to butcher and their family. Their place had seven ponds on it and they enjoyed fishing after a day's work.

Pearl enjoyed preparing large meals for her family, for guests and for the seasonal harvesters of the crops on the farm.

Gardening was another project she enjoyed doing. They harvested more food

out of the garden than one family could consume, including what was canned and frozen. Anyone who came by to visit always left with fresh or canned fruit or vegetables. Pearl and Trudet worked together making enough apple and pear pies to fill a large freezer to have desserts until the next season and to share with their family and friends or to give to someone in need.

Pearl was also a very talented seamstress. She made all items of clothing, crocheted, embroidered, and made quilts and blankets.

She especially loved making quilts, making at least one for every family member, truly her "labor of love."

She taught quilting at Mid-America Vo-Tech for a couple of years. She was an active mom with her children in 4-H club and her daughters in FHA club.

After all her children had left the home, Pearl worked at Southern Oklahoma Resource Center and at the Colonial Nursing Home for a few years as a cook.

Pearl and Trudet were active members of the First Baptist Church in Elmore City, Oklahoma. Pearl loved her church family and missed seeing everyone when she moved to Assisted Living in Oklahoma City.

Surviving Pearl are four daughters and a son, together with their spouses - Don and Linda Carol Yarbrough of Oklahoma City, David and Wilma Bettles Jones of Pauls Valley, Ruby Ellen Smith of Hennessey, Tommy and Patty Osleger McKee of Norman, and Roy Allen and Dessie Tomlinson of Elmore City; two sisters-in-law - JoAnna Frances Cross Thomas and Charlene Morris Thomas; nine grandchildren and spouses - Corbin and Shantel Yarbrough, Chad and Carol Yarbrough, Ronnie and Tina Smith Gilliland, Allen and Jamie Smith, Rich and Kathy McKee Hixson, John McKee, Tommy and Kristen McKee Claydon, Jeff and Chrissy Tomlinson, Shawn and Jacki Tomlinson Farris, and Shelly Burk (Mrs. Lloyd Burk Jr.) She also had several step-grandchildren and their spouses, including Johnny Lee and Terri McKee, Jacquie Romanos Wood, Benjamin and Crystal Jacks, and Louisa Romanos, together with 28 great-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding Pearl are her parents; her husband Trudet Tomlinson; their first

born children, twin daughters Norma Lou (1941) and Bonnie Sue Burk Griffiths Garvin (2002); her brothers James Thomas, Paul Thomas, Glenn Thomas, and Quillon Thomas and his wife Rozella Arnn Thomas; her grandsons Lloyd Burk Jr. and Clayton Bettes; and her sons-in-law - H.B.

Griffiths, Martin Osleger and Lee Bettes Jr.

Funeral services are scheduled for Saturday, November 29, 2014 at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Elmore City, with Reverend Bill Whaley and Reverend Preston Harris 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

Service

NOV **29**. 2:00 PM (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 Pearl O. Tomlinson*



Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services - November 29, 2014 at 12:33 PM

KC

A Beautiful legacy

Karen Chastain - December 02, 2014 at 04:38 PM



“ *Pearl O. Tomlinson*

November 12, 2022 at 02:44 AM

WJ

“ *Wilma Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Pearl O. Tomlinson*



Wilma Jones - December 08, 2014 at 03:09 AM

WJ

“ *Wilma Jones lit a candle in memory of Pearl O. Tomlinson*



Wilma Jones - December 08, 2014 at 03:02 AM

KC

“ *Pearl I will always cling to the memories of visiting you in Elmore city at your country home. I enjoyed the stories you told of the good old days and remember you as being a cat lover. You were one of my Dad's favorite cousins. Our time together was too short. You were an amazing and strong woman considering everything you endured over the years. You will always be loved and are greatly missed. In loving memory, your cousin Karen Chastain*

Karen Chastain - December 02, 2014 at 04:27 PM

BH

“ *You are in our prayers. Your mom's obituary was a beautiful tribute to a smart, talented and loving woman.*



Bill and Carolyn Hamby - November 29, 2014 at 11:03 AM

PM

“ *Patty McKee lit a candle in memory of Pearl O. Tomlinson*



Patty McKee - November 27, 2014 at 01:23 PM

PM

Your back with Daddy and I hope he will recognize you now with white hair. He loved his red headed beauty. Give him a kiss for me. You will be missed.

Patty McKee - November 27, 2014 at 01:25 PM

HB

“ *To the Pearl Tomlinson family I am saddened on this day to read of the passing of Pearl, You have been blessed to have her with you for so long. My Sympathy, Love and Prayers are with you all, you will have many happy memories to share with each other in the future. God bless you all.*

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. Embrace all equally!

Harold Bradley - November 27, 2014 at 01:15 PM

PM

Thank you for your kind words, The Bradleys, Dillinghams,, Kennedys, Terrants, and Temples have been a huge part of my life, and I have lots of loving thoughts of you all. Mom and Dad held you all in high regards and loved you also. You all were great friends and neighbors.

Patty McKee - November 30, 2014 at 05:34 PM

WJ

Me too! Wilma Jones

Wilma Jones - December 08, 2014 at 03:00 AM

JT

“ Sending love, prayers thoughts and hugs from the Gene Kennedy's and David Temples to all of you..



Joleyne Temple - November 26, 2014 at 10:56 PM

PM

Love you all. Thank you for your kind words, The Bradleys, Dillinghams,, Kennedys, Terrants, and Temples have been a huge part of my life, and I have lots of loving thoughts of you all. Mom and Dad held you all in high regards and loved you also. You all were great friends and neighbors.

Patty McKee - November 30, 2014 at 05:37 PM

WA

“ Wilma & David...I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers to you and your family. Waymolene Abel



Waymolene Abel - November 26, 2014 at 08:35 PM

SW

“ Stan & Linda Williams lit a candle in memory of Pearl O. Tomlinson



Stan & Linda Williams - November 26, 2014 at 07:44 AM

PM

Thank you for coming to her service, and lighting the candle.

Patty McKee - November 30, 2014 at 05:38 PM

CY

“ *Corbin And Shantel Yarbrough lit a candle in memory of Pearl O. Tomlinson*



Corbin and Shantel Yarbrough - November 26, 2014 at 05:21 AM

SW

“ *Saphronia Whaley lit a candle in memory of Pearl O. Tomlinson*



Saphronia Whaley - November 26, 2014 at 01:18 AM

SW

We will miss you Aunt Pearl. I will be praying for the family during this time of loss.

Saphronia Whaley - November 26, 2014 at 01:20 AM

PM

Thank you and Bill for all you have done to help with her passing to the next level. And to all the Thomas family for their contribution to the Going away tribute for Mom. She would have enjoyed seeing everyone together.

Patty McKee - November 30, 2014 at 05:25 PM

FW

“ *Fay Williams lit a candle in memory of Pearl O. Tomlinson*



Fay Williams - November 25, 2014 at 07:46 PM

FW

“ *To Pearl's family I am very sorry for your loss. I remember as a child my parents and Pearl and Trudet playing cards and sometimes I got to play with them. They were very good friends with my parents and I will remember them always.*

Fay Williams - November 25, 2014 at 07:45 PM

PM

Cards and domino's were on the table at one or the other home every weekend. Lots of fun and love remembered.

Patty McKee - November 27, 2014 at 01:27 PM