



Vena Howard

October 31, 1912 - March 12, 2011

Vena Elizabeth Howard of Elmore City, Oklahoma was born to William A. and Nellie (Horton) Cassell in Marshall, Arkansas on October 31, 1912. She entered eternal life on Saturday, March 12, 2011 surrounded by family at the Coal County Hospital in Coalgate, Oklahoma. She was 98 years young. Vena spent her childhood days in Canaan, Arkansas where she attended school. At the age of 16 years she moved with her family to the Staley Community south of Purcell, Oklahoma. Vena and Lester Charles Howard were united in marriage in October 1, 1932. The couple lived in the Staley Community until around 1936 when they moved to Eola. Lester and Vena were charter members of the Satterwhite Missionary Baptist Church. They later moved into Elmore City where they lived and raised their children and grandchildren.

Vena worked at the Pauls Valley State School where she was a patient advocate. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Elmore City. Vena enjoyed gardening, cooking, sewing, canning, quilting, crocheting and fishing. She was a strong supporter of 4-H. Those who knew Vena knew that family and the time she spent with them was the most important thing in her life. She taught her family the importance of hard work and being good stewards of what God gives you. She set an example of keeping family ties strong that has carried over from generation to generation.

Vena was preceded in death by her husband, Lester Charles Howard in 2007; her daughter, Nellie Alice Niblett; her brother Veneda Cassell; her sister Vera Turner, her parents W. A. and Nellie Cassell; and her great-granddaughter

Lauren Pickett.

Vena is survived by:

Her children and grandchildren – Billy Ray (Betty) Howard of Maysville; Charles Wendell Howard (Becky) of Elmore City; Mike Niblett (Kathey) of Morehead, Kentucky; Chuck Pirtle (Becky) of Frederick, Oklahoma; Nancy (Tony) Pickett of Coalgate, Oklahoma; Chip Howard (Nancy) of Elmore City; Jared Howard of Weatherford, Oklahoma; Scott Woods (Jody) of Pauls Valley; Debbie (Larry) Durham of Norman, Oklahoma

Her sister – Willie Nell McKee of Elmore City

Her brother – D. J. Cassell of Allen, Oklahoma

20 Great Grandchildren and 18 Great-Great Grandchildren

Funeral services are scheduled for Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

in the First Baptist Church of Elmore City with Dr. Bruce McCray officiating.

Interment will be in the Elmore City Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Wooster Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Baptist Children's Home in care of the First Baptist Church P.O. Box 247 Elmore City, OK 73433 or Mary Hurley Manor Retirement Center #7 N. Covington Coalgate, OK 74538 You may send a condolence to the family at www.woosterfuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **15.** 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home and Cremation Services (Elmore City)
105 S. Main
Elmore City, OK

Service

MAR **16.** 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Vena Howard*

November 12, 2022 at 02:44 AM



“ *Our thoughts & prayers are with each of you at this time of our great loss. Mom & I had a lot of fun together shopping, garage saleing, doing hand work, & sharing flowers for our yards. We also did a lot of hard work together too. Working in the garden, canning, & cooking big meals for the family. I cherish every moment that I spent with her & all she taught me. She will greatly missed by all. But I can't keep from thinking of what a wonderful celebration & re-union is going on in heaven right now. She will be waiting with open arms for each one of us just as she always was here when you walked in that front door. Love to all, Carla##imported-begin##Jerrell & Carla (Howard) Selman, & Carl Crawford##imported-end##*

March 15, 2011 at 09:23 PM



“ *Chuck, Nancy, and Mike I was saddened to hear of the loss of your grandma. May you find comfort at this time of loss. Cindy##imported-begin##Cindy Davenport Beck##imported-end##*

March 15, 2011 at 09:17 PM



“ *Thinking of y'all and praying for you.*

Love- Jacquie##imported-begin##Jacque Willoughby##imported-end##

March 15, 2011 at 08:26 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies...Don and Cindy Tadlock.##imported-begin##Cindy Tadlock##imported-end##

March 15, 2011 at 02:08 PM



“ Your family at SRG Global would like to extend our condolense to you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##SRG Global##imported-end##

March 15, 2011 at 06:57 AM



“ Mike, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Brenda Johnson##imported-end##

March 15, 2011 at 06:25 AM



“ Nancy, I am writing this to let you and your brothers know I am so sorry for your loss. Hope that as time passes, you each find peace. Cherish the many good memories you have regarding the times you spent with her. Love you....Linda##imported-begin##Perry, Linda, Shiloh and Noah Williams##imported-end##

March 14, 2011 at 11:57 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy is given to the entire family. I will miss Aunt Vena. Love, Nelda##imported-begin##Nelda Jean Shreve##imported-end##

March 14, 2011 at 11:39 AM