



Verda Hood

October 22, 1925 - February 27, 2015

Verda Hood, age 89, a longtime resident of Willow, Oklahoma, passed away Friday, February 27, 2015 at Hensley's Nursing Home in Sayre, Oklahoma. The Family will greet friends from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm, Monday, March 2, 2015 at People's Co-Operative Funeral Home in Lone Wolf, Oklahoma. Funeral services will be 2:00 pm, Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at the Willow Church of Christ in Willow, Oklahoma with interment following at Willow Cemetery.

Verda was born October 22, 1925 in Stonewall, Oklahoma, the daughter of Robert Lee Wade and Pearl Mae (Thurber) Wade. Verda moved to Carter, Oklahoma as a young child with her mother and her 5 brothers and sisters in a covered wagon with 32 cents in their pocket. Growing up in Carter, Verda graduated class of 1943 from Carter High School. After high school Verda worked different jobs and while working at the corner drug store in Elk City she met the love of her life Harold Charlie "Hal" Hood. Verda and Hal were married on September 20, 1946 in Sunray, Texas and they shared 64 memorable years of marriage before Hal's death in 2010. As a young married couple Verda and Hal worked the wheat harvest where Verda was the cook and she was also everyone's favorite. Later Verda and Hal built their home on the Hood Family Ranch 10 miles NW of Willow near the Haystack Mountains. They lived there many years until a house fire claimed their home and they built their new dream home in Willow. Verda was a faithful member of the Willow Church of Christ where she enjoyed teaching Sunday school alongside her best friend Emma Jean Griffis. Verda worked as a Certified Foot Reflexologist out of her home where she helped many people. Verda and Hal served as class parents for all their children's classes and Verda was proud to be the First Lady of Willow when Hal was the Mayor. When Hal was the master of ceremonies during Willow's 100th Centennial Celebration in 1996 Verda thought it fitting to dress up as Minnie Pearl. Verda was a Trustee of the Old Greer County Museum Board and she was an active member of the Ladies Home Extension and the Tuesday Morning's Coffee Club. She loved baking and sharing with her friends and she was specifically known for her peanut brittle, peanut patties, and goofballs. Verda would always dictate how many people should eat and when they should eat them. Verda loved life and believed in always staying active. She liked camping and

fishing in eastern Oklahoma with her friends and family. She enjoyed walking and running 5K races where she won numerous medals. Verda took care of her family and enjoyed spending as much time as she could with them and she will be missed very much.

Preceded in death by her parents; her husband; all of her brothers and sisters, Arlie, Bill, Leo, Laila, and Lola; and one grandson, Leon Harman; Verda is survived by two sons, Larry Hood and his wife Donna and Zearl Hood and his wife Laurie all of Willow; three daughters, Karen Hood of Norman; Reba Hood-Johnston and her husband Rick of Oklahoma City; and Sherri Lou Hood-Pryor and her husband Tracy of Hurst, Texas; thirteen grandchildren, Danny, Darrell, Darren, Wade Kristie, Faith, Hope, Bridget, Nicole, Evan, Candace, Austin, and Autumn; fourteen great grandchildren; Nate, Luke, Cooper, Addyson, Sebastian Charlie, Melody, Laney, Kaitlynn, Kaden, Carter, Brooks, Colin, Eli, and Ava; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

Memorial donations may be made in Verda's memory to the Willow Cemetery Fund.

Arrangements are under the direction of People's Co-Operative Funeral Home, Lone Wolf, Oklahoma.

Please view and sign our online guest book at www.peoplescooperativefuneralhome.com

Cemetery

Events

Willow Cemetery

N1940 Rd
Willow, OK,

MAR **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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People's Co-Operative Funeral Home
P.O. Box 146 1400 W. Main, Lone Wolf, OK, US, 73655

MAR **Funeral Service** 02:00PM

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Willow Church of Christ
Willow, OK, US

Comments



“ I took care of Verda in the Hensleys Nursing Home when I worked there as a cna. She was such a wonderful person and will be deeply missed.

Kim Carter - March 23, 2015 at 11:37 PM



“ Harold, Verda and Larry were among the earliest friends I met after I retired from the army and moved to Greer County in 1988. Through the years I also found friendships with the other Hood children and some of their children. My lasting and best memories include camping with Larry and Darren, singing and dancing on the dusty campground with Verda and following on horseback through the breaks the hunting hounds with old timers at the annual wolf hunt on the Hood ranch. I fondly recall annual domino tournaments in Willow, starting the first weekend after the new year, and noting the genuine affection and respect showed for this family by players from all over Southwest OK. I treasure memories of parades and ceremonies in Willow when Mayor Harold wore his swallowtail coat and top hat while First Lady Verda wore her Minnie Pearl outfit with the price tag still on her hat. I can almost taste the fish they brought back from their annual trips to eastern OK, which Zearl and Larry helped fry in their backyard. Through every year and event, there was Verda with her impish smile and busy activity, urging everyone to have fun and enjoy life. The plains of Greer County where the Hood Family has endured for generations are eternal. It is sad that residents such as Verda are not but, no doubt, she will watch the goings-on there with Harold from heaven. She and her family are among the best of grassroots America. Renee and I send our condolences.

Charles and Renee Schwabe, Muskogee County, OK

Charles L. Schwabe - March 04, 2015 at 09:30 AM



“ Have known Verda for a whole lot of years. Knew her during my growing up years, while visiting with her mother in Carter and playing with her niece, Darla. And over the years my husband and I have had the opportunity to know her and her family in both a professional and personal setting. She will be truly missed. Carl and Betty Reed

Carl and Betty Reed - March 03, 2015 at 07:49 PM



“ Verda was a person that seemed to never meet a stranger. She touched so many in positive ways. Prayers for the family.

Pamela Young - March 03, 2015 at 07:00 PM



“ Verda Hood --- Momma to Many
Today we take a small part of our day to honor the life and legacy of this amazing woman. She showed us by her life, the Love we so greatly seek. She shared the Fruits of the Spirit through every stage and activity of life. She poured this overflowing Love into everyone she would meet. You felt better by her giving a little bit of herself to you as she took time to share a smile and a wink. Even when you missed the mark you knew it would be "ok" after Verda spent a little time with you. We know this bubbly, carefree woman will be greatly missed, yet in many of us her gentle life lessons live on. She planted seeds of kindness, joy, pleasure, peace, understanding into us. Now we must be loving caregivers of these precious moments she cast our way. May these precious seeds grow and multiply daily.
Thank you to Larry, Zearl, Reba, Karen and Sherri Lou for sharing your sweet momma with us. Be confident that her love lives on and there are still "stunts to pull" and laughter to share. May we Shine Brightly as we honor this Bright Light.
Karen Warren Locklear

Karen Locklear - March 03, 2015 at 10:40 AM



“ What can I say that would really describe Aunt Verda? I have such great memories of time spent at the farm place. I thought there was no one like Verda & Harold! We got Dr. Pepper for breakfast & not real M & M's, but candy coated chocolate from the Willow store. Aunt Verda was a class act!

Ruthie - March 02, 2015 at 10:32 PM



“ Danny and Family - saying prayers for you at this time. Peggy Cremers



Peggy Cremers - March 02, 2015 at 06:40 PM



“ Verda is my best memory of Full Circle. She had so many stories, could dance like a star, and most of all loved the Lord. I loved her spunk and she will always be my original "Maxine.!!!" Thank you all for sharing her with me and letting her ride in my Miata with the top down! Ya'll were blessed, as I. Love, Deb.

Debbie Durham - March 02, 2015 at 03:50 PM



“ I love this woman. I fixed her hair when i worked at the beauty shop at Willow. She always made me laugh.



Brenda Rogers - March 01, 2015 at 06:51 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss, remember we have a loving God that assures us of a wonderful hope and future even for those asleep in death. Acts 24:15 most of the dead will be resurrected on earth and Rev. 21:3,4 promises his kingdom will end all suffering, and he will wipe the tears from our eyes.

cml - March 01, 2015 at 04:33 PM



“ Carrie Griffis lit a candle in memory of Verda Hood



Carrie Griffis - February 28, 2015 at 10:16 PM