



Loretta Templer

April 1, 1920 - October 19, 2015

Loretta Mae (Wilhite) Thomason Templer, age 95, went home to be with her Lord on October 20, 2015. Loretta was born on April 1, 1920 to William Silas and Sarah Ann (Farmer) Wilhite. She was the eldest of six children. She grew up in the Russell, Oklahoma area and attended the Wildcat School System. Loretta was united in marriage on August 4, 1938 to Eupher Lee (E.L.) Thomason. The couple settled in the Russell area where they farmed for three years. They moved to Oklahoma City to work at Douglas Aircraft, to work and save money to buy equipment and land to farm. Loretta worked as a Rosie The Riveter. While E. L. served our country in World War II, Loretta moved back to Mangum and worked as a waitress at Bonton Café in Mangum. After E.L. returned from the war they farmed in the Russell area. Several years later they bought their farm east of Mangum and lived on their farm for many years raising their three children. She was a homemaker and a fantastic cook. E.L. Thomason went home to be with his Lord after a farming accident in 1969. She married Wayne Templer on October 10, 1973. They continued to live on her farm where they had an abundant garden. Loretta and Wayne had a mischievous sense of humor, which was on full display as they encouraged their grandchildren to search for the elusive pink elephant in the corn field. Loretta's grandchildren were her pride and joy and she spent every free moment she had with them. She was an avid bowler, participating for years in a league at the Mangum Bowling Alley. She loved birds, fishing, sewing and dill pickles. She was a gifted talker and enjoyed visiting with her family and

friends. Loretta also had a great love for shoes and was known to have a closet full of shoes at her house. Loretta was a member of Hester Baptist Church in the Hester Community. She did volunteer work as a teacher and worked in the nursery as well as Vacation Bible School. After Hester disbanded, she became a member of Mangum First Baptist Church where she also did volunteer work in the nursery and served on the Benevolence Committee. She also sang in the Church choir. Prior to her death, Loretta was the oldest living female member of Mangum First Baptist Church. Loretta has spent the past eight years at the Plantation Village Nursing Center in Altus where she was a beloved resident. The staff enjoyed joking around with her and they loved her sense of humor. They nicknamed her "Tempy".

Loretta was preceded in death by her parents, her husband's, her sisters Fern Wilhite, Dorothy Faye Barber, Iva Carroll and her infant brother William Tyler Wilhite. She is survived by her daughters; Mertie Edwards and husband Sidney of Altus; Carolyn Fowble and husband Bert also of Altus; her son Carlas Thomason of Altus, a sister Effie Dunlap of Amarillo, Texas, her grandchildren; Douglas Edwards and wife Jana of Altus, Stacey Edwards and wife Retta of Altus, Heath Edwards of Altus, Tina Fowble of Norman, Dana (Fowble) Wu and husband Alex of Haymarket, Virginia, Jeremy Thomason and wife Sonya of Owasso, Kevin Thomason of Wichita Falls, Texas, step-grandchildren; Mike Kendell and wife Tina of Altus and Cassandra Simpson and husband Cecil of Altus, her great grandchildren; Erica (Edwards) Katseres and husband Dr. Nich Katseres of Birmingham, Alabama, Joye Black of Altus, Kelsey, Kinley and Konner Thomason of Owasso. Loretta is also survived by several nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

Viewing for Loretta will be Saturday, October 24, 2015, from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 25, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Graveside Services are scheduled for Monday, October 26, 2015, 2:00p.m. at

Roselawn Cemetery in Mangum with Pastor J.V. Lobaugh officiating.

Arrangements are entrusted to People's Cooperative Funeral Home, located at 1400 W. Main, Lone Wolf, 580-846-9018.

On-Line condolences can be made by visiting www.peoplescooperativefuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Loretta Templer*

October 08, 2023 at 02:10 PM



“ *Loretta Templer*

October 04, 2023 at 11:28 PM



“ *My sympathy to you all of Loretta's family including Mertie, Carolyn, Carlos, Tina and Dana. I have sweet memories of Loretta and Euthalee back in the sixties when he grew and harvested cotton and Loretta in a pickup, pulled the loaded trailers to the gin. Mostly, I remember him teaching a SS Class at First Baptist Church, Mangum, and her singing in the choir. And I remember having good visits with Loretta at the Plantation in Altus, she was always cheerful and talked about her kids and how blessed she was to have you nearby.*

*Love and blessings,
Nell Marie*

Nell Marie Richardson - October 26, 2015 at 09:09 AM

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“ Loretta is my grandma and such a special person in my life. One of my favorite things to do as a kid and adult was spend time with grandma on her farm. Her farm was one of my favorite places. She was a huge influence in my life and had unconditional love for me and my cousins. Every time I went to her house she would cook steak or roast and wanted to know what was going on in my life. I loved her spirited sense of humor and contagious laugh. Grandma will always be alive in my heart. I love you, grandma!



Dana Fowble-Wu - October 24, 2015 at 11:04 PM

EF

“ Effie Dunlap and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Loretta Templer.



Effie Dunlap and family - October 23, 2015 at 11:54 AM

GS

“ Loretta ,was my aunt and my family spent many summers on the farm and the lake, we made some wonderful memories ,she would always have good meals for us and there was always some kind of entertainment going on . I will miss her wisdom and her wonderful humor .love you aunt loretta

Gayla Dunlap Seaton - October 23, 2015 at 11:05 AM

TF

“ *Loretta is my grandmother, and she was a huge influence in my life. I spent many hours with my cousins at her house. She helped me create memories that will stay with me for the rest of my life.*

*Tina Fowble
Norman, Oklahoma*

Tina Fowble - October 22, 2015 at 09:50 PM