



## Arlene Alice Rhodes

October 6, 1930 - May 18, 2021

Arlene Alice Rhodes, 90, of Eufaula, Oklahoma passed away on May 18, 2021 in her home in Muskogee, Oklahoma after a brief illness. Arlene was born on October 6, 1930 in Wallace, Kansas to William and Annie Hofer Straub. She graduated from Russel Springs High School in 1947.

A short time earlier, the love of her life, Frank Rhodes literally flew into her life. Frank was beginning his career as a pilot and had flown from Colorado to Kansas to attend a dance where he met Arlene and thought she was the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. After that, every weekend he would fly his little airplane in and would land in Arlene's parents' pasture to spend the weekend with her. They married on November 14, 1948 in Goodland, Kansas after Arlene graduated high school. They spent their life doing everything together until his death on May 21, 2014. From this 65-year union they had four children, Mary Lou (Charlie), Carol, Daryl, and Karen.

Survivors include her daughters, Carol Rhodes of Eufaula, and Karen Rhodes of Muskogee; granddaughter, Nicole Christmas-Cramer and her husband Dr. Charles (Bill) Cramer of Fort Worth, Texas; Honorable Brendon Bridges and his wife Erin of Eufaula; great-grandchildren, Sutton, Diego and Cruz Christmas of Fort Worth, Texas, and Maddox, Max and Mavrix Bridges of Eufaula, Oklahoma.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Frank Rhodes; daughter, Mary Lou (Charlie) Rowlan; infant son, Daryl Raye Rhodes; parents, William and Annie Straub; brothers, John and Raymond Straub; son-in-law, Don Rowlan; and

sister-in-law, Norma Straub.

Arlene was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Eufaula and she lived her life for Christ. Arlene will be greatly missed by her family, but we take great comfort in knowing she is now safe and comfortable in God's gracious arms.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Arlene Alice Rhodes*

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“ *Arlene Rhodes was a wonderful lady. She was full of life and always ready for fun.*

*The stories are too numerous to relate here, but might fill a book. She was also an excellent cook and responsible for several inches around my waist. It is truly sad to see her pass, because she was not only a devoted mother to her own family, but like a second mother for me.*

*She will forever be in my heart and in my memory. Thinking of her will always bring a smile to my face.*

*Please add my name to those who loved her!*

*Until we all meet again in God's house, I wish you a peaceful good night.*

*Love,*

*Ron (Won) Starry*

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