



Cathrene W. Howerton

July 29, 1927 - December 29, 2011

Cathrene Willis Howerton, 84, of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed away Thursday, December 29, 2011. She was born July 29, 1927 in Scipio, Oklahoma to James Thomas Willis and Vina Mae Jones Willis.

Cathrene graduated from Limestone Gap High School in 1945. She furthered her education at Eastern State University in Ada, Oklahoma while continuing to work full time. She worked at the VA Hospital and also the OSU extension office assisting with the food and nutrition program. This allowed Cathrene to make home visits to rural areas to educate them about nutrition. She lived in Tulsa for 20 years and then moved to Muskogee where she resided for 35 years. Cathrene's hobbies were gardening, crocheting, and cooking. Cathrene was a beloved mother, devoted grandmother and great grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her son, Alfred (Fred) Howerton; parents, Tom and Vina Willis; sister, Imogene Willis; brother, Thomas Willis; and great grandson, Cole Holcomb.

Cathrene is survived by her daughters, Stephanie Holcomb (Gary) of Tulsa, OK, Ramona Howerton of Washington, DC; son, Dan Howerton of Muskogee, OK; sister, Rachel Cordray (Don) of OKC, OK; grandson, Oliver Holcomb; granddaughters, Katy Crain (Jason), Amanda Shine; great granddaughters, Madison Shine, Olivia Holcomb; great grandson, Sterling Shine; three nieces and one nephew.

The family requests memorials be made to the Lymphoma Research

Foundation, 115 Broadway St.; Suite 1301, New York, NY 10006 or at www.lymphoma.org.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

1300 E. Washington Ave.
McAlester, OK 74501

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Service

JAN 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church Muskogee
111 S. 7th Street
Muskogee, OK 74401

Tribute Wall



“ *Cathrene W. Howerton*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *To all of Cathrene's family:
I knew her for many years at the VAMC in Muskogee; she was a wonderful lady who loved you all very much and spoke of you often. I always enjoyed her company and she was always a pleasant person...my thoughts and prayers are with all of you!*

*Patti Taylor Hill
VA Medical Center
Fayetteville, AR*

Patti Taylor Hill - January 04, 2012 at 11:23 AM



“ *Dan, Stephanie, Ramona, I lit a candle for Cathrene because she was a very dear friend of mine from the VA. I was lucky enough to visit her numerous times in the N.H. She was aware that we were moving from Wainwright and building a house west of Checotah and would be moving there which would make my visiting alot less frequent. She was a very special lady, we shared many intimate talks, both at work and her home, cups of coffee at the coffee shop in Arrowhead Mall and lunches at Miss Addies Tea House. I have many good memories of her that I cherish so much.
She has a picture of the two of us in SPD at the VA, we are wearing the paper hair protectors, she had it displayed in the living room and we talked about it alot.
My condolences to all of you and your families.
Cathrene's friend, Beverly Newton*

beverly newton - January 04, 2012 at 08:02 AM

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“ Beverly Newton lit a candle in memory of Cathrene W. Howerton



beverly newton - January 04, 2012 at 07:40 AM

MB

“ My favorite memories of Stephanie's mother, Cathrene Howerton, are all from conversations while visiting during holidays, birthday parties and grandbaby showers! I especially remember how she and Stephanie favored and how beautiful she looked at the baby shower for Olivia, her now five year old granddaughter!



Just a week ago, I was chatting with Mr. Howerton on the phone...we were talking about his picture album that Stephanie is creating for him and he shared with me his love story...how he knew when he met Cathrene that she would be the one he would marry!

Mrs. Howerton's educational achievement and her care and concern for others is her legacy and has passed on to her daughter and her family.

*The ones we love are never gone, they live within our hearts.
Marilyn Bridges*

Marilyn Jo Bridges - January 03, 2012 at 11:25 AM

MN

*I attended Limestone Gap High School 1944 to 1948.
I am Mary Lou "nee Newberry" Hopkins. I live in Krebs, Ok.
I knew a girl that married a Willis. Cynthia Thompson.
We rode the school bus from several small schools. Wardville, Five
Mile, ,etc.
If you care to respond,
my e-mail is hop_23_53@yahoo.com*

Mary Lou Hopkins, "nee Newberry" - January 03, 2012 at 08:12 PM