



Dolores Nell Grober

August 5, 1930 - October 31, 2015

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“That it will never come again is what makes life so sweet.”

-Emily Dickinson

Dolores Nell Grober passed away on October 31, 2015 in Muskogee. She was born in Muskogee on August 5, 1930 to Raymond F. Ford and Edna Gorton Ford and was the oldest of three children. She grew up in Muskogee and graduated from Muskogee Central High School in 1947 and attended Christian College in Columbia, Mo., where she received her associates degree in 1949. It was 1948 when she met her husband, Carl Merle Grober, at “stag corner” in Muskogee. Merle had just returned from service with the U.S. Army in Korea and they began their relationship.

Dolores and Merle were married in Van Buren, Arkansas in 1950 and she went to work for People’s Credit while Merle attended Okmulgee Tech studying the electrical business. They settled in Muskogee where she had many friends, but Ruth Ann DeCamp was her closest, and they remained friends until her death.

In 1956 Dolores and Merle started their family and had two sons, Mark and Steven, and she quit work. The trials of raising two boys no doubt propelled her to want to finish her education and go back to work, however she put that on hold while Merle started Grober Electric in 1960 and they raised their children. Going to the lake, attending ball games, unsuccessfully trying to get her sons to learn piano and cooking were many of her activities. She was an

exceptional cook and could always “just throw something together”. In 1970, she announced to her family that she was going back to school to become a teacher.

Dolores graduated with honors from Northeastern State University in 1973, became an English teacher at Muskogee High School and later earned her Master’s degree from the University of Tulsa. Her passion for teaching was rewarded when she was named teacher of the year as voted on by MHS students. She loved the poetry of Emily Dickinson and the writings of Mark Twain, her favorite authors. She taught at MHS until her retirement from Muskogee Public Schools in 1995. She also taught classes at Connors State College and had the privilege of teaching three of her granddaughters while at Connors.

Dolores loved to travel to Europe, where she made sure to visit Shakespeare’s birthplace and Anne Hathaway’s cottage. She delighted in the opportunity to take her four granddaughters on their “senior” trips to Italy, England and France and may have even given them their first taste of wine. Her granddaughters truly were her source of pride and joy and she instilled in them her passion for education, literature and cooking. She was the perfect grandmother and learned how to use a smart phone and computer so she could keep up with her granddaughters and great grandchildren. Julie and Valerie, her daughters-in-law, were the daughters she never had, and they enjoyed cooking, shopping, attending plays and talking about their grandchildren together.

Dolores was active in First Presbyterian Church, Muskogee County Retired Teachers Association, Shakespeare Club and was a charter member of the Wednesday Night Winos. She loved to play bridge and was adamant about walking on a daily basis, as her neighbors would attest. She was an ardent supporter of education and the value of strong public schools to the community.

Her family already misses her terribly and appreciates the outpouring of kind words from her former students, colleagues and friends. They would also wish

to thank the wonderful staff at Eastar and Cornerstone Hospitals and Dr. Jeremiah Rutherford and his staff for their care.

Dolores is survived by her husband Merle, with whom she celebrated their 65th wedding

anniversary on September 2, 2015; sons, Steven B. Grober and wife Julie, and Mark A. Grober and wife Valerie of Muskogee; granddaughters, Christina Ambuehl and Ben, Johns Creek, Georgia, Amy Finch and Allen, Tuttle, OK, Kelly Murray and Carl, Skiatook, OK and Emily Trotter and Jeff, Oklahoma City; great grandchildren, Liza Jane, Chaz, Beckett and Silas Ambuehl; Noah, Lily and Josiah Finch; Reed Murray and Darcy Nell Trotter; sister, Joyce McCormick and Alan, Tulsa, OK and brother, Raymond Ford, Jr. and Ellen, Lantana, Texas; sister-in-law, Georgelene Grober, Muskogee, OK; and numerous nephews and nieces.

There will be a celebration of Dolores's life at 2:00 pm Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at Bethany Presbyterian Church, 2000 Haskell Blvd, Muskogee, Oklahoma. The family would ask that in lieu of flowers that a donation be made in her honor to the Education Foundation of Muskogee, Inc., 208 West Broadway, Muskogee, OK 74401.

Cemetery Details

Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 National Cemetery Rd.
Fort Gibson, OK

Previous Events

Service

NOV 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

Bethany Presbyterian Church
2000 Haskell Blvd
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall



“ *Dolores Nell Grober*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Please accept our condolences. MHS Class of 1975*



Cherry Mayes Sallee - November 03, 2015 at 03:27 PM



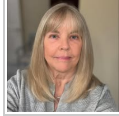
“ *So many wonderful memories over the past 45 years, church activities, teaching together at MHS, our retired teachers lunches, sharing the most wonderful trip to England. She loved life, her enthusiasm was contagious. Her priorities were her faith, her family, her friends. She was a remarkable woman. I will miss her.*

Lisa Harbison - November 01, 2015 at 05:38 PM



Mrs. Grober was one of my favorite teachers. I learned so much from her. Her excellent teaching skills still impacts my life today. I am so thankful to have had her as a teacher and mentor. She will greatly missed!

julie payne woolslayer - November 03, 2015 at 08:15 AM



Will be out of town on Wednesday, so we won't be able to attend the service. Our heart goes out to the Grober family. Went to school with Steve and Mark, and lived two houses down from the Grober family growing up. Dolores will be truly missed. We hope your many great memories of her bring you comfort.

Jeannie and Gary Sturm

Jeannie Sturm - November 03, 2015 at 10:36 AM

KL

My thoughts and prayers are with the Grober family. My mom taught school with Mrs. Grober and loved visiting during their retired teachers luncheons. She was a wonderful teacher and will be so missed.

Kasey Beach Littlefield

Kasey Beach Littlefield - November 03, 2015 at 05:12 PM

MB

*Dear family of Dolores,
We have all lost a once in a lifetime friend. She was an outstanding wife, mother, friend and teacher. She was my grandsons favorite teacher according to Ryan Hilton. We all loved her and miss her.
Life long friend,
Marion Bowman*

marion bowman - November 04, 2015 at 09:55 AM

SK

Dolores was a dear lady, and I enjoyed our conversations immensely. She was witty and clever, and so many other descriptives! May she rest in peace, and light perpetual shine on her.

Skip Klingman - November 04, 2015 at 05:27 PM

DA

I just heard of her passing. She was among my all time favorite teachers. She was demanding, but also always quick to praise. And I am absolutely certain that she deeply cared about all of her students.

I am not much of a writer, but I am sure Dolores moved the needle in the "write" direction.

Unfortunately, I am not as clear and concise as she would have hoped, and to this day I struggle to state my own name in less than a paragraph. But thank God we'll never know how really bad I would have been without Dolores.

I leave you, the reader, with my favorite quote from Dolores Grober (regarding my writing style), "You are being repetitively redundant over and over again!"

Drue Apple - December 08, 2015 at 05:16 PM