



Margaret Lou Steely

October 1, 1931 - July 18, 2015

Margaret Lou Steely, 83, a longtime resident of Tahlequah, passed away peacefully Saturday, July 18, 2015 with her family by her side. She was born October 1, 1931 in Dripping Springs, Arkansas to Clarence and Bessie (Matlock) Briley. One of seven children, she grew up and attended the public schools in Cedarville, AR.

On October 15, 1948, Margaret married the love of her life, Hugh Truman Steely at Fort Smith, Arkansas. They celebrated over 64 years of marriage together.

After high school, Margaret attended Northeastern Oklahoma State University, where she received her Bachelor's and Master's in Education Degree. Her family kindly recalls how dedicated Margaret was to being a teacher and also helping others. During her career as a teacher, she was recognized for several awards including "Teacher of the Year."

Margaret's hobbies included crappie fishing, gardening and cooking. Her family remembers that when you left her home, you did not leave empty handed or hungry. She is also remembered for her "green thumb" and the amazing array of flowers in her yard.

She is preceded in death by her husband, H.T. Steely; her parents; her son, Ron Steely; her 2 brothers; and her 4 sisters.

Margaret is survived by her son, Alan Steely of Tahlequah, OK; her daughter, Diane Robinson and husband Joe of Muskogee, OK; her grandsons, Alan Ward Steely, Alex Steely, Joey Robinson and Brett Robinson; her great

grandchildren, Amelia Steely, Darrien Robinson and Kadien Robinson; her sisters-in-law, Doris Steely and Joyce Steely, both of Short, OK; many nieces and nephews and friends.

Margaret's family would like to express a special word of thanks to her caretaker family; Ericka Carr, Gwen Keys, Marilyn McDowell and First Choice Hospice.

A family conducted memorial service will be at Akins Cemetery on Saturday, July 25, 2015, at 10:00 am.

Cemetery Details

Akins Cemetery

Akins, OK

Previous Events

Family conducted memorial service

JUL 25. 10:00 AM (CT)

Akins Cemetery
Akins, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Margaret Lou Steely*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Dear Diane and Alan,
Just today heard of your mom's passing. I feel such a great loss in my heart. She was an awesome lady. I remember how she would tell us to turn the record player down when we had just returned on Saturday's to buy the top song of the week on dance party. How we loved our 45 records. But, if we played Tom Jones we couldn't get it loud enough for her. What a cook ! Best fried potatoes, pies, and Christmas Candy. I know your hearts are sadden but live with the positive things from her life. Love you both.
Teresa Bolding Lowe*

Teresa Bolding Lowe - July 28, 2015 at 04:15 PM



“ *Our condolences. Margaret and HT were thought of a lot. They were next door neighbors of my husband (Franklin Dunn) parents RJ and Sue Dunn on Goingsnake St. For years. We enjoyed their company. They always had special bags for our girls on Halloween Night! We will miss them, but will always remember them fondly.
Franklin & Carol Dunn
Tahlequah, OK*

Carol Dunn - July 28, 2015 at 10:47 AM

SH

“ Dear Diane,
So sorry to hear about your Mom's passing. I did not remember that she was a teacher, even teacher of the year. I do remember someone talking about her beautiful flowers. My condolences to you and your family. Shirley Heirich

Shirley Heirich - July 23, 2015 at 10:05 AM

DR

Thank you Shirley....Mom and Dad taught in rural area schools their whole career. I was probably about 11 when she was awarded Teacher of the Year. It was in Chicago and get first plane trip! All I could think about then was she was going to be gone a whole week...it was exciting for her!!!

Diane Robinson - July 23, 2015 at 11:07 AM

JM

Allen and Dian
Sorry to hear about your Mom. Margaret and H.T. were good people. They raised some good kids too! I have some fond memories of when we lived by you guys on Griffin St. I will always remember your whole family.

Jimmy Morrell

Jimmy Morrell - July 24, 2015 at 03:58 PM