



Thera D. Van Alstine

August 2, 1933 - July 25, 2019

Thera Dean Van Alstine, 85, beloved wife, mother and grandmother, passed away on Thursday July 25, 2019 in Muskogee, Oklahoma. She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Maple Downs.

Thera Dean Downs was born on August 2, 1933 in Vick, Louisiana. She attended and graduated valedictorian from Lafarque High School in Ettie, Louisiana in 1950. Thera attended Louisiana College in Pineville, Louisiana. While working at Montgomery Ward in Alexandria, Louisiana, she met and married Donald Lee Van Alstine on December 24th 1954. They lived in various locations in Louisiana, Kansas, Texas, and Oklahoma before returning to Muskogee for retirement in 1989.

Thera Dean is survived by her husband, Donald L. Van Alstine and sons, Russell J. Van Alstine and wife Vivian , Darryl C. Van Alstine, and Kyle B. Van Alstine, granddaughter Anna E. Moon and husband Jason Moon. She is also survived by her sister Johnnie Best Hailey and her daughter Dawn Best-Desjardins.

Cemetery Details

Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 National Cemetery Rd.
Fort Gibson, OK

Previous Events

Family Visitation

JUL 28. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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

Graveside Service

JUL 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

Fort Gibson National Cemetery
1423 National Cemetery Rd.
Fort Gibson, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Thera D. Van Alstine*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thera D. Van Alstine.*



July 29, 2019 at 10:22 AM



“ *Dema Burris lit a candle in memory of Thera D. Van Alstine*



Dema Burris - July 27, 2019 at 01:39 PM



“ *Have some fond memories visiting with Deanie. She shared a lot about her boys, she loved them very much. So sorry to hear of her passing and I send my love to Van and the family. Dema Burris*

Dema Burris - July 27, 2019 at 01:38 PM



So sorry for your loss to all of yall didn't no her for very long but sure did like her such a sweet and stubborn lady will miss her

Brenda - July 29, 2019 at 11:19 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Thera D. Van Alstine.* ”



July 26, 2019 at 10:48 PM