



Velma I. (Garner) Haynes

July 20, 1925 - June 24, 2017

Velma Irene (Garner) Haynes passed away Saturday, June 24, 2017 in Muskogee, OK. Velma was the 4th of 12 children born to Charley and Martha Elizabeth (Burgett) Garner. She was born July 20, 1925 in Quapaw, OK but moved to Picher OK at an early age, graduating from Picher High School in 1943.

It was in Picher that she met the love of her life, Kelly Owen Haynes, who had traveled from Hitchita, OK to Picher to work in the mines. After high school, Velma continued her education at Joplin Business School in Joplin, MO while Kelly went into the Army. Upon completion of school, Velma went to work in Washington D.C. at the Pentagon. She and Kelly arranged to meet in Hyannis, MA and were married on November 23, 1943, a marriage that would last over 62 years until his death on April 18, 2006. When people would ask her about a new relationship she would reply, "When you've had the best, why mess with the rest?". Soon after their marriage, they were separated for 2 years while Kelly served in the South Pacific.

Upon Kelly's return, they moved around, eventually settling in Muskogee, OK where they raised 4 children and owned and operated Haynes Plumbing and Haynes Handyman Supplies. Velma also had a faithful following of a weekly column she wrote called "Meditations Of A Woman's Heart". Over the years, wherever they lived, they were both very active in church activities, Sunday School and Bible study for all ages but Velma was especially close to children. In her 80's she began a children's ministry at Eastern Heights Baptist called

“Doers Of The Word” that has continued to flourish even after her health forced her to retire.

In 1982, Velma was instrumental in leading a successful fund raising venture to take the Muskogee High Band to the Cherry Blossom Parade in Washington D.C. Velma never met a stranger and took every opportunity to tell others about Jesus. Her motto was “I will do the best I can, with what I have, where I am, for Jesus’ sake today!”.

Velma was preceded in death by her husband, Kelly, her parents, 6 brothers, 2 sisters and 1 great grandchild.

She is survived by children, Frank & Barbara Haynes of Muskogee, Frances Haynes & husband James Sandel of Tulsa, Fred & Nan Haynes of Muskogee, Floyd & Judy Haynes of Oklahoma City; 15 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren, 12 great-great grandchildren; sisters, Lora Lee Parker of Vinita, OK, Anna Potter of Overland Park, KS; brother, Danny & Carolyn Garner of Miami, OK; sister in law, Judy Vanderflute of Fairland, OK, a host of nephews and nieces, honorary family members and friends.

The family will receive friends and family at Cornerstone Funeral Home, Friday evening, June 30 from 5:30 to 7:30

Velma will be greatly missed but she has looked forward to a reunion with Kelly and to be with Jesus forever. A celebration of Velma’s life will be at 1:00pm, Saturday, July 1, at Eastern Heights Baptist

Church, 2401 Haskell Blvd with Dr. Darren Wallace officiating, assisted by Rev. Donnie Echols and Rev. Clint Hayes. Burial will take place at Greenhill Cemetery accompanied by a Dixie Land Band.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Eastern Heights Children/Youth Program or to The Gideons International.

Cemetery Details

Greenhill Cemetery

1500 N. York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 26. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

JUN 27. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

JUN **28**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

JUN **29**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Family Visitation

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Service

JUL 1. 1:00 PM (CT)

Eastern Heights Baptist Church
2401 Haskell Blvd.
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Tribute Wall



“ *Velma I. (Garner) Haynes*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *She is my granny she was very special to me she was very nice.*

Kelly - July 07, 2017 at 07:42 PM



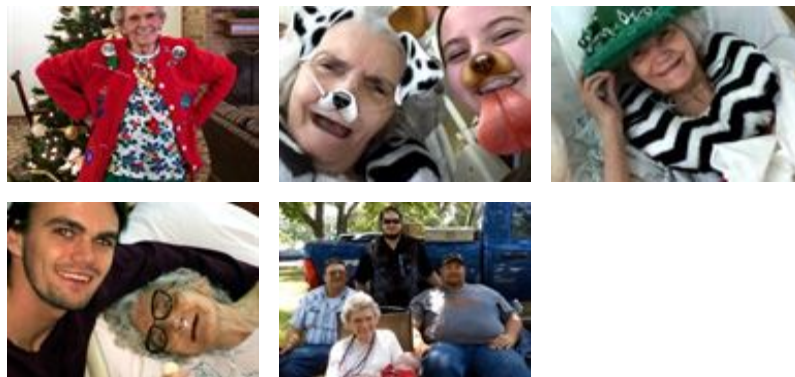
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Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - June 30, 2017 at 02:13 PM



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Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - June 30, 2017 at 01:05 PM

DL

“ *There is a special place in my heart for Velma Haynes. From very early in my life, she taught me how to live a good life through the Lord's guidance. My sincere sympathy goes to all members of the Haynes family.*

Diana Hager Lewis - June 30, 2017 at 09:10 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Velma I. (Garner) Haynes.*




June 30, 2017 at 08:45 AM

ED

“ *Esterlene Drew lit a candle in memory of Velma I. (Garner) Haynes*



Esterlene Drew - June 29, 2017 at 08:14 PM

 Robin Haynes

“ *Going to Granny's house was fun. When I was a "tween" I lived with them for a little bit. My favorite place was laying in the hallway between the dining room and the laundry room, talking on the phone, with a plate of melted cheese and a glass of apple juice. I learned how to apply make up, make a bed right and what a God centered marriage looked like. I also developed a life long love for Wheel of Fortune. What a life she lived and a legacy that will go on for generations. I love you Granny. I will see you when I get there.*

Robin Haynes - June 29, 2017 at 05:28 PM

YF

“ *Your Invictus Family purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Velma I. (Garner) Haynes.*



Your Invictus Family - June 29, 2017 at 09:44 AM

SM

“ *To the family of Velma Haynes, I am truly sorry for your lose. She was a very special friend to me. I was blessed to know her. Your mother was not only I friend to my father, but was one of the biggest supporters of his band program during the time Floyd was in the band. She was one of the first to volunteers to come and the last to leave. My father and I both appreciate that!
May God bless each one of you!
In friendship and the love of Jesus our Lord!!
Shari, Jim, and, Rudena McPherson*

Shari McPherson - June 28, 2017 at 02:33 PM

SH

“ *Miss Velma was one of the sweetest ladies I've ever known. She was a great friend to my Mom and I know they are having a grand time seeing each other again in Heaven. She is greatly loved and will be greatly missed.*



Sheryl Hardcastle - June 27, 2017 at 09:20 PM

MC

“ The one of the times I went to the nursing center to see her, I informed her that SHE was my hero and one of the most important inspirations for me to get my contractors license.
She will be missed so very much!!!



Minnie Carr - June 26, 2017 at 11:38 PM

 Dyan Gilmore

“ I first meet Velma through her granddaughter Robin. I remember her picking us up from middle school and treating us to McDonald's. I went to church with robin and Velma many times. We use to go over to the house to visit with Velma. She will be missed greatly. She was a strong woman. Now she is up in heaven with all her family that went on before her. Looking down on her family here on earth. So better behave lol kidding. Hugs granny Velma



Dyan Gilmore - June 26, 2017 at 09:39 PM

RR

“ Frankie and family;
So honored to have known your Mom as I was growing up. She was a friend of my Mother and a great lady! What an inspiration and an example of how we are to live our life for Jesus.

Rhea Branson Rowan - June 26, 2017 at 08:54 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Velma I. (Garner) Haynes.*



June 26, 2017 at 07:01 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Velma I. (Garner) Haynes.*



June 26, 2017 at 03:39 PM



“ *Miss Velma was a huge blessing to me and my son Michael. He was with her when she started the children's group at Eastern Heights, and her love for Christ and children shined through her in such a great and obvious way. Cathy Sanders*

Cathy Sanders - June 26, 2017 at 09:08 AM



Fred, I know you are going to miss your mom dearly, but that you also know that she was ready to go. I will be in prayer for peace and comfort for the family during this difficult time.

Terri Smith

Terri Smith - June 26, 2017 at 08:50 PM



Thank you for your kind words about our mom. She spoke often of that first night and how the ministry grew with God's blessing.

Fred Haynes - June 26, 2017 at 11:10 PM

DA

I am so sorry your family

Daniel Anderson - June 27, 2017 at 10:28 PM

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Shari, Jim, and Rudena McPherson*

Shari Mcpherson - June 28, 2017 at 02:59 PM

ED

*To the family I know you have lost a jewel she was a very special and thoughtful person who was a friend to our family, she wrote beautiful writings and poems that she would give us that we enjoyed reading, our thoughts and prayers are with you we love you all,
James and Esterlene Drew*

Esterlene Drew - June 29, 2017 at 08:09 PM