



Alberta Bertha Rushing

December 7, 1913 - January 9, 2011

Born December 7, 1913 at Haney, Oklahoma to Harvey Odell and Tinnie Willams Odell. Due to declining health she went to be with her heavenly father on January 9, 2011 at Norman Regional Hospital. Bertha was the oldest of six children. They grew up in the New Hope Community north east of Lindsay OK.

In her younger years she traveled with her parents and younger brother making several trips from Arkansas to Oklahoma by covered wagon. On occasion living at saw mill camps or any place her father could find work. Bertha saw lots of hard times and she and her brother and sisters worked hard helping with chores, and at times there wasn't enough to eat.

She had younger twin brothers, losing another brother as an infant. Bertha attended New Hope school until the 6th grade, leaving school to help her mother with her siblings.

After marrying her husband Floyd Rushing April 13th, 1932, she continued working hard by helping on the farm. When her first son was about 2 years old she scraped cotton patches to make enough money to buy him a tricycle for Christmas. She later had another son and daughter. She worked in the broom corn and cotton field to help support the family.

When her children started school at Banner, she became the cook. Bertha

later worked at Frog's Laundry, Maud's Café, and Tinker Air Force Base. She eventually got a good job working for the state of OK at Griffin Memorial Hospital. She drove from Lindsay to Norman almost everyday for 21 years before retiring. She drove in all kinds of weather, missing very few days. Bertha had several friends that relied on her to get them to work.

Bertha was a very dedicated lady in everything she did, by putting her family first. When one grand child had a birthday they all got a present. Her family was her life. Bertha loved camping with her children, gardening or just being outdoors. She also enjoyed attending blue grass music festivals.

When she could no longer live alone, she was under the care of her children. On November 4th 2009, she entered the Lindsay Manor Care Center. Bertha celebrated her 96th and 97th birthday's there. She is now resting in a safe and beautiful place. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Bertha was preceded in death by her parents, husband Floyd Rushing, son Willie Rushing and brothers Sidney and Roy Odell. She is survived by son Willis Rushing and wife Velma of Lindsay, OK, daughter Lila Tenpenny and husband Bill of Mustang, OK, daughter-in-law Geneva Rushing of Rock Springs, WY, brother Wilbur Odell of Seadrift, TX, brother Ray Odell and wife Lucille of Lindsay, OK, sister Mary Arter of Lindsay, OK sister-in-law Della Odell of Lindsay, OK, six grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, 7 great great grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Bertha was a life long member of Banner Baptist Church. She lived on a farm in the Banner Community all her married life.

Funeral services for Mrs. Rushing are set for two o'clock p.m. on Thursday, January 13th, 2011 at the Banner Baptist Church located on Highway 76 North of Lindsay, Oklahoma with Pastor Mark Smith officiating. Interment will

follow at Green Hill Cemetery in Lindsay. Services are under the direction of B.G. Boydston Funeral Home of Lindsay, Oklahoma. Condolences for the family may be made online at www.boydstonfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ Our family will always remember the great Easter Egg Hunts, food and love Mema B shared with all of us. She will be missed by all. We send our love and prayers.

Bob & Loretta Ummel - January 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ To all the family: I know it's hard to say goodbye to someone as precious as Mema

B, so special, a joy to

be around. Hold onto all the wonderful memories. Our love & prayers, Mark & Jody Holden

(Author Not Available) - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Lila and family-We are so sorry to hear of Bertha's passing. We will miss her sweet smile, and were looking forward to her returning. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Stephanie Whitworth Karns - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM