



Jewel Keeler

March 7, 1919 - April 14, 2023

Jewel Edward Hanley Scruggs Keeler was born March 7th, 1919 to Rufus Edward Hanley and Lorella Gertrude Kendrick Hanley in the Pikes Peak area. Jewel passed to her heavenly reward on April 14, 2023, at Blanchard Oklahoma at the age of 104 years, One month, and one week. Jewel was one of eight Hanley children, Mable, Lorene, Ellen, Mary Ruth, John, Jimmie, and Rufus Edward Jr (R.E.). They shared many years of fun, laughter, sewing/piecing quilts, cooking, and playing dominoes. Being raised in the Pikes Peak/Lindsay area they worked hard on the farm, growing large gardens, tending farm animals, and working in the cotton and broomcorn fields. Jewel loved her siblings and spent as much time as possible with each one until their deaths. Jewel attended Pikes Peak school from age 6 to eight grade. This school was located about 10 miles southwest of Lindsay. In 2018 Jewel was awarded a plaque and picture of Pikes Peak school for being the oldest surviving student still living.

Jewel married Manuel Scruggs in 1937 and together they had 5 children: Marietta, Dwayne, Lynn, Brent, and Gay. Jewel was a dedicated and loving mother and enjoyed being with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Jewel looked forward to holidays and being surrounded by family. She loved cooking, sewing, playing dominoes, and pulling pranks on people she loved. Her favorite prank was to make a "cotton cake". Then watching an unsuspecting family member or friend try to cut it and discover it

was not a real cake but a piece of cotton with icing on it. Jewel had a great sense of humor, she made many pairs of extra-large lace undergarments and made sure the person receiving it opened the surprise in front of lots of people. This always caused an uproar of laughter. Jewel loved Halloween, she was known to dress up in costume as a very bejeweled woman and hand out candy to children.

Jewel was a hard worker, besides caring for her family, she picked cotton, worked at the broomcorn factory, was employed as a dress maker at the local Dress factory, and cooked lunches for the Lions club in Lindsay. Jewel loved to cook good ole country meals, homemade rolls, and desserts.

As Jewel aged and was unable to go as many places, she enjoyed playing dominoes and having community dinners at the Lindsay place where she lived till she was 102. She also enjoyed going to the senior citizen lunches at Lindsay.

Jewel was member of the Lindsay Church of Christ, where she taught bible school for many years as well as worked in the clothing room, and prepared and served meals for families.

At 102 years of age, she was unable to live alone and moved into the Senior Village Nursing Home. She loved teasing the staff, telling great stories about all the things she had lived through, and eating ice cream shakes and candy.

The family would like to thank the staff at Senior Village for providing great care and always taking the time to listen to her stories. We would like to thank all those who took the time to visit her while she was in the nursing home and those who brought her treats. Jewel enjoyed her last birthday just 5 weeks ago with about one hundred friends and family.

Those left to cherish Jewels memory are:

Dwayne Scruggs Lindsay Ok

Lynn Scruggs Lindsay Ok

Brent and Ronda Scruggs Blanchard OK

Grandchildren/great grandchildren:

Rob and Tracy Noerper, Ian and Christian

Corey Scruggs

Tommy Spencer, Colton, Brandi, Dillon, Heather, Kendyl, Gentri, Weslyn,
Cooper, Sophia, and Sadie

Ty Spencer, JT and Meadow

J.D. and Markie Scruggs, Aiden and Aleah

Tim and Melanie Haworth, Bear and Lovie

Reggie and Candace Bridgman, Caiden, Eva, Caiden Arzell, and Hannah

Shawn Dreadin, Mallorie, Nevaeh, Paizly, Sylita, Braydon,

Robert Jr., Stephen, Kingston, and Kaius

Greg and Felicia Glass, Daytin and Meriah

James and Ashley Perryman, Harper, Liam, and Elias

Zach and Valerie Clary, Brentley and Olivia

Colin and Cassie McElrath, Clare and Carter

Numerous nieces and nephews

Preceded in Death by:

Her parents, Rufus and Gertrude Hanley

Her beloved Daughters:

Marietta Scruggs Spencer

Sylita Gay Scruggs Dreadin

Preceded in Death by her Siblings:

Mable and Kenneth Hatfield

Lorene Hanley

Arnold and Ellen Howell

Dave and Mary Ruth Tugman

John and Bessie Hanley

W.J. and Jimmie Lee

R.E. and JoAnne Hanley

Visitation will be held on Monday, April 17, 2023, from 9AM-8PM at the Wilbourn Family Funeral Home in Lindsay, Oklahoma and Tuesday, April 18, 2023, from 11:30AM-12:30PM at the Blanchard Church of Christ in Blanchard, Oklahoma.

A Funeral Service to honor the life of Jewel is set to begin at 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at the Blanchard Church of Christ in Blanchard, Oklahoma. She will be laid to rest at the Green Hill Cemetery in Lindsay, Oklahoma.

Services are under the direction of Scott and Angel Wilbourn Family Funeral Home in Lindsay, Oklahoma. Condolences may be made to the family online at www.wilbournfamilyfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Green Hill Cemetery

100th Street
Lindsay, OK 73052

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR 18. 1:00 PM (CT)

Blanchard Church of Christ
1220 N Madison Ave,
Blanchard , OK 73010

Tribute Wall

MM

“ *This special lady touched my heart. Rest in peace my friend.*

Michele Metker

Michele Metker - April 26, 2023 at 03:08 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jewel Keeler.*



April 17, 2023 at 11:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jewel Keeler.*



April 17, 2023 at 07:17 AM

JS

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. It is a great loss for all of us as well. I loved her dearly. I still have a pair of her famous extra-large underwear! Love all of you. Joy*

Joy Stewart - April 16, 2023 at 09:19 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jewel Keeler.*



April 15, 2023 at 10:24 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jewel Keeler.*



April 15, 2023 at 10:05 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jewel Keeler.*



April 15, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jewel Keeler.*



April 15, 2023 at 05:19 PM