



## Lavora Beatrice Dodd

July 7, 1925 - December 20, 2014

Lavora Beatrice Landers Dodd was born in Lindsay, OK on July 7, 1925 to Claude and Francis (Henry) England. She was the 3rd child of 8 plus one adopted sister. She married Wilton "Dick" Landers on March 2, 1942 at the age of 16. They had no children of their own, but she loved everyone else?s. She would kiss and bounce them till you?d think she?d churn their insides. She loved to dance and belonged to some square dance clubs. She was an excellent seamstress and made lots of her own can-cans and square dance dresses. She could look at a garment and go home and make it. She was a pocket person and added pockets to all her skirts, jackets and pants.

Lavora started work at Southwestern States as a telephone operator. They sold to General Telephone, and she was Chief Operator when they went dial. She moved to the business office on Chickasaw street. They phased out her job, and she couldn?t stay idle, so she went to beauty school and worked for Lucille Noles and Willie Franklin before she bought her own shop. After a while, she had the opportunity to buy the Ranch House Restaurant. She and Dick were co-owners with brother-in-law, Short Landers. She thought this would be fantastic because she would be able to eat Clara?s pies daily. Needless to say, it was WORK!. She then was presented the privilege of buying Butt?s Dress Shop. She was in her element here. She sold Merle Norman make-up and each year would get to go on a nice trip for conferences. She was a Gold Medallion Store and was awarded a plaque and

recognized for 30 years of being a studio owner.

Dick passed away in November 1991, and Lavora wed Al Dodd of Noble, OK at First Baptist Church in Lindsay in 1995. He had two daughters and their spouses and an adopted son. Lavora drove from Noble to her store in Lindsay for about 3 years. Al introduced her to cruises which she dearly loved. She lost Al on February 10, 2008.

Lavora was a member of the Lindsay Chamber of Commerce, the Red Hatters, Merle Norman Gold Medallion Club, American Legion Auxiliary and Winsome Sunday School Class. She loved to attend because they usually had good snacks and coffee. She liked to go to IBC Bank in the mornings for their great coffee with one to drink and one to go. After she wasn't able to drive, you'd see her hot footing it over to the City Office to enjoy their coffee or cappuccino, and she would usually stop back in on her way back from the post office or bank. One thing about Lavora everyone would agree on, she liked to give hugs and kisses. No matter the age or gender. We would warn her that some of the widowers might get the wrong idea, but it didn't stop her.

She held the title of oldest in the cousin generation of the Henry family. She was slightly older than her Aunt Bernice Springman. Lavora's mother, Francis, was the oldest Henry child. She really enjoyed the reunions at Rooster Creek, Texoma Lake, where she got to eat and dance and love on everybody.

Lavora made a profession of faith and dedicated herself to our precious Lord through baptism in the First Baptist Church on April 18, 1991. She went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, December 20, 2014 at Lindsay Municipal Hospital in Lindsay, Oklahoma at the age of 89. A reflection of Lavora's life is that she loved people and people loved her.

Lavora was preceded in death by her parents, husbands, Dick Landers and Al

Dodd, siblings: Early Ervin "Erbe", Opal Savannah, Gerald and Willie Andrew, in-laws: Rose, Jean and Freda England, Roy Cooper, Edna Dacus, Short and Bill Landers, three nephews and two nieces.

Survivors include siblings: Leora Cooper, Claud "Horace" and wife Shirley England and Jimmy Paul and wife Barbara England, fourteen nieces and nephews and many great and great-great nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mrs. Dodd are set for two o'clock p.m. on Friday, December 26, 2014 at the First Baptist

# Tribute Wall

LC

“ *Lavora my dear sister i am going to miss you so much Proud i spent so much time with you at the nursing home You was our second momma see you in Heaven later on love .*

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**Leora Cooper** - January 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *Lavora, my beautiful second mother, you will be so very missed. What an amazing angel you're going to be in heaven because you were one for so long on earth.*

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**Brenda** - December 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *You will be truly missed by all my beautiful cousin. I will miss your loving kisses, hugs, smile and waves. Love you always.*

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**Dana Morton** - December 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ *Aunt Lavora you will be missed! Heaven gained a wonderful woman! Love and miss you. I will miss your right hugs and kisses!*

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**Leslie Stahl Jeffcoat** - December 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *There was rejoicing in heaven when Aunt Lavora arrived. We will miss you. I was always proud to say I was her niece.*

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**Janice Landers Stahl** - December 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ My thoughts are with the family but today is my birthday and my family is planning smething for me.

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**Anna Blalock** - December 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I am left with years of fun and fond memories of Lavora. May her soul rest in peace. Condolences go out to her loving family.

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**Jo Ann Wilson** - December 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Lavora was one of the sweetest persons I've ever had the pleasure to know... She will be missed.

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**Thad M Riley** - December 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Your with the angles dancing, eating, drinking coffee and loving every minute. You will be missed lovely lady.

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**LaDonna Miles** - December 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ I loved my cousin very much and will always remember our long phone conversations. Truly a Saint in Heaven. Prayers for all the family.

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**Anna Blalock** - December 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ *Fond memories of going to see the big birds in OKC many hours spent on her lap when Mrs. England was our babysitter. Never a discouraging word from her & always smiling, hugging & making sure you knew you were loved. Lindsay will miss this angel that Heaven has gained.*

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**Pamm Tucker** - December 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *Lavora was a sweetheart. My prayers are with her family. Leora I have so many fond memories of both of you!*<br>

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**Terri Goodner Whiting** - December 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ *Lavora Landers Dodd-a true pioneer of Lindsay, wonderful lady, gracious soul and role model. Always a smile and happy greeting for folks in town!*

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**Sharon Riley Vanoni** - December 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Praying GOD wraps his loving arms around each family member. Lavora was a wonderful lady from a wonderful family. She always had a smile on her face and a kind word to say. My prayers and thoughts are with each of you.*<br>

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**Deana Wall Cassingham** - December 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *What a lady.. I had the privilege of working for Lavora about 5 years and went with her on trips to market and Merle Norman conferences. We had quite a time and always an experience driving to Texas with her. Lavora always had a very special place in my heart. My prayers and thoughts are with each of you.*

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**Janice Smith Griffin** - December 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *Prayers for all of the family. Lavora was a very special lady. She will be missed.<br>*

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**Lillie Davis** - December 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ *HUGS & KISSES<br><br>So very proud to be your Nephew. Have only fond memories of all the great times spent with her. &#128158;*

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**Gary Cooper** - December 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM