



## Lora Lee Cruse

April 20, 1929 - October 10, 2008

Lora Lee "Conner" Cruse of Lindsay, Oklahoma passed from this life on Friday, October 10th, 2008 in Norman, Oklahoma at the age of 79. She was born on April 20, 1929 in Lindsay, Oklahoma to Clarence Lee Conner and Lora Etna "Phillips" Conner. She married J.E. Cruse in Lindsay, Oklahoma on June 1, 1947.

Mrs. Cruse was a long-time resident of Lindsay. She worked as a secretary for Lindsay High School, and for thirty years, she worked alongside her husband, J.E. in their family business, Cruse Department Store. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Lindsay, Oklahoma. Lora Lee was also a housewife and mother who loved to cook and sew. She found enjoyment in reading, helping with church bereavement dinners, golfing, and watching football and basketball. Lora Lee always greeted those around her with a pleasant smile and a kind word. She will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Cruse is preceded in death by her parents Clarence and Lora Etna Conner of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and her husband J. E. Cruse.

Mrs. Cruse is survived by her three children; Connie Cowan and husband Bill of Lindsay, Oklahoma, J.E.Cruse, Jr. and wife Cindy of Joplin, Missouri and Tony Cruse of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, two brothers; Bill Conner of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Tim Conner of Blanchard, Oklahoma, six

grandchildren; Leslie Cowan of Fort Worth, Texas, Greg Cowan and wife Anna of Tulsa, Oklahoma, J.E. Cruse III and wife Terrla of Joplin, Missouri, Jennifer Long and husband Tim of Joplin, Missouri, and Lindsay Cruse and Anthony Cruse, Jr., both of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Lora Lee also leaves behind five great-grandchildren; Miller Long, Molly Long, and Maxton Long of Joplin, Missouri, Isabella Cruse of Joplin, Missouri and Lit?l Miss C soon to be of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Funeral services for Mrs. Cruse are set for 2:00p.m.Monday October13,2008 at the First Baptist Church in Lindsay, Oklahoma. Interment will be at Green Hill Cemetery in Lindsay, Oklahoma. Services are under the direction of B G. Boydston Funeral Home of Lindsay, Oklahoma. Condolences may be sent to the family online at [www.boydstonfuneralhome.com](http://www.boydstonfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ Dear Connie, Jay, and Tony:  
  
I recently returned to this area and heard of your loss. I just wanted to extend my most heart-felt-sympathy. JE and LoraLee continue to hold a very special place in my heart for how they saw people always. Please accept my sympathy during this time.  
  
Jim

Jim Morehead - October 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Connie, Jay and Tony...Just wanted you to know you are in my prayers and how much I enjoyed your Mom...when I visited her here in Norman...she talked about each of you with love and couldn't have been prouder...

Lisa (Sawyer) Smith - October 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Mrs. Cowan, I am so sorry to hear about your mom. I truly enjoyed your mom and dad both. My prayers are with you.

Annie (Smith) Needham - October 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ Connie, Jay, Tony... What fun and worthy moms are represented on this site in tribute to yours... Mona Thomas, Tura Moore, Terri's mom, Bill and Wesley's mom, Mamie, Hazel, Phyllis Shannon, and my own mom, Patsy Noe. You have to celebrate them. You know they had fun raising us all. I adored your mom... what a Lindsay icon she was. You will miss her dearly, dream of her, and cry for her from time to time, but, you will also laugh, tell stories, and find yourselves smiling at odd moments because of her as well. Bless you guys.

Gayle Noe - October 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Connie and family, <br><br>We truly loved and enjoyed our time with your Mom. She always had a smile on her face and a word of encouragement even when she felt bad herself. She will be missed.

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**Kenneth & Judy Holden** - October 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Dear Connie, Jay, & Tony, <br><br>Please accept my deepest sympathy on losing your mother. I haven't seen Lora Lee in many years but I remember her fondly. I hope all of your wonderful and happy memories of her will bring you some comfort at this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you. <br><br>Sincerely, <br><br>Lisa Curry Smith <br>

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**Lisa Curry Smith** - October 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ Tony, I am so sorry to learn about your mother. I know there is nothing that can be said or done to ease your pain, but know you are in my thoughts. Robbin Koelsch

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**Robbin Koelsch** - October 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ Jay, Connie and Tony... Your Mom was a special lady with always a kind word. She was one of Lindsay's most beloved citizens. God Bless You All during this difficult time.

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**Donna(Harmon)Price** - October 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Dear Connie, Jay and Tony, We were so sorry to hear about Lora Lee's passing. Your Mom was the first person at our home when Mom died in 1982, I will always remember her kindness and support when I needed a mom.<br><br>I have such warm memories of Mothers Club and Bridge club gatherings and growing up with you guys! I have just had back surgery or I would be there to hug you all in person. You were blessed to have two such great parents. Love to you, Jeannie & Larry

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**Jeannie & Larry Hodges** - October 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Tony, Sorry to hear about your mother. I always enjoyed coming to Cruse Department Store and being greeted by her great smile. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Dick Abram** - October 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Tony: I am so sorry to hear about your mom. Mothers are very special. God bless.

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**Patrice Littlejohn McClure** - October 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Dear Connie, Jay and Tony Thinking of you and your families and friends and know you will remember all the happy times together.  
<br><br>With love, the Shannons

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**Phyllis Shannon, Mike Shannon, Elaine Shannon Brun** - October 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Jay and family, Haynes and I are sorry to hear of the passing of your Mom. Our thought and prayers are with you all.

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**Sue Smith** - October 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Connie, Jay, & Tony and families.<br><br>I am so sorry to hear about Lora Lee. She was a wonderful lady. I always enjoyed visiting with her. We know that she is happy to be with your dad and that she is no longer in pain. May God keep you in His care at this difficult time.

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**Cynthia Terry Malicoat** - October 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Connie, Jay and Tony, sorry to here about your mom. Your parents were always good to me and I enjoyed being in your home. God bless each of you.

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**Roger Ford** - October 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Connie, Jay, and Tony,<br><br>Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. <br><br>David and Susan Carruth

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**David and Susan Carruth** - October 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Connie, Jay and Tony,<br><br>Your mother was a wonderful lady and I have enjoyed knowing her all over again these past few years. Both your parents were always good to you guys and your friends.

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**Terri Sterr Hutchins** - October 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Connie, Jay, and Tony sorry to hear about your mother. Your mother and dad were great people. The raised three wonderful children. Our prayers are with all of you and your families.

Kent Davis - October 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Jay and Family, Your mom was such a good lady. She was always so fun to visit and laugh with. She was so comforting to me when I lost my Mom. I am sorry for your pain, but God truly is merciful, and she is in such a better place. She fought the good fight...now she can rest. Thinking of you and remembering all the good times...Love, Janet

Janet (Sinclair) Janousek - October 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ Dr. Tony Cruse, <br><br>We are sorry for your loss. May God be with you and the rest of your family during this time of sorrow.<br><br>Gary & Shirley Allen

Gary & Shirley Allen - October 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Jay and family, <br><br>I am so sad to hear of your mother's passing. Our family's thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Judy (Moore) Childers - October 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Connie...I am sorry to hear about your Mom. She was a sweet lady and I know her whole family will miss her. You are in my prayers. God bless you.

Lanny Smith - October 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM