



Lou Ila (Gregory) Jenkins

December 29, 1920 - December 23, 2022

Lou Ila Gregory was born December 29, 1920 in Erin Springs, near Lindsay, Oklahoma, to Andy and Alpharetta Mae (Green) Gregory. She passed away on December 23, 2022 in Arlington, Texas, at the age of 101.

On September 1, 1946 Lou Ila married Orville Lee Jenkins in Chickasha, Oklahoma. To this union three sons were born: Orville Boyd in 1948, Gregory Wayne in 1951 and Gary Lynn in 1952. Gary preceded his mother in death in 1972.

Lou Ila accepted Jesus as her savior many years ago and enjoyed going to church. She was a member of Erin Springs Baptist Church in Erin Springs, Oklahoma.

Lou Ila had several different jobs in her lifetime. She worked at the Chickasha Hospital from 1944 to 1946. In later years she sold cable TV in Quanah, Texas. Lou Ila also worked in a couple of garment factories operating a serger and working on the trim and inspection operations. She worked for a while as a secretary at Radio Station KOLJ in Quanah, Texas. Lou Ila spent many years of her life working in sales: greeting cards, Tupperware, Studio Girl cosmetics, Sarah Coventry jewelry and Avon. She was an Avon representative for 35 years.

Lou Ila spent most of her life in Oklahoma. She spent a little over 21 years in Quanah and Vernon, Texas. She moved back to Oklahoma in September 1972.

Lou Ila went to school at Purdy (her first school), Cox City, to Purdy again, Pike's Peak, See Chapel, then back to Cox City. She graduated Salutatorian from Cox City High School class of 1940.

Lou Ila had many interests. She enjoyed writing letters, working with her many flowers, reading, watching TV, working Word Search puzzles and writing poetry. She also loved to travel. Her travels took her to several different places: Canada, Mexico, the Holy Land, the Seychelles Islands, Grand Bahama Island, Cyprus, Ireland, Norway, England, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Austria, France, Italy, Spain, Kenya, Switzerland and 32 states of the USA.

From April 2019, Lou Ila lived with her son Orville in Arlington, Texas. In July 2022, she moved into Interlochen Health and Rehabilitation Center in Arlington, where she passed away in her sleep.

Lou Ila was preceded in death by her parents, Andy and Alpharetta Gregory; one son; Gary Lynn Jenkins; three sisters; Dessie Lee (Gregory) Spann, Alpha Josephine (Gregory) Hayes, Wanda June (Gregory); two brothers; Alfred Andrew Gregory and Everette Wayne Gregory; three brothers-in-law; Ernest Spann, Roy Jackson Hayes, and Roy Trout; and one sister-in-law; Vesta Marie (Cox) Gregory.

Lou Ila is survived by two sons, Orville Boyd Jenkins and his wife Edith Marie of Arlington, Texas and Gregory Wayne Jenkins and his wife Jessie Marie of Martinsburg, West Virginia; one sister, Gladys Loretta (Gregory) Gay and her husband Joseph D of Lindsay.

Lou Ila is also survived by five grandchildren: Felisa Lyn (Jenkins) Fendley and her husband Bryan of Amity, Arkansas, Arin Wayne Jenkins and his wife Kristy Leigh of Winchester, Virginia, Keenon Lee Jenkins and his wife Julie of Martinsburg, West Virginia, Gareth Boyd Jenkins and his wife Lesli of Irving, Texas and Christopher Kevin Jenkins and his wife Deborah of Bedford, Texas.

Lou Ila is also survived by eighteen great grandchildren: Samantha Jenkins McConnell, Logan Jenkins, Gareth Elijah Jenkins, Kieran Daniel Jenkins, Jace Ryan Jenkins, Avery Rose Jenkins, Kadence Faith Jenkins, Ainsley Grace Jenkins, Kinsleigh Hope Jenkins, Justus Arin Jenkins, Mercy Jewel Jenkins, Emberley Mae Jenkins, Duel Isaac Fendley, Jessalyn Brooke Fendley, Kasen Lee Jenkins, Sadie Grace Jenkins, Levi Grayson Jenkins and Josie Marie Jenkins; three great great granddaughters, several nephews and nieces and great nephews and nieces, a few cousins and a host of friends in several states and countries.

A funeral service to honor the life of Lou Ila is set to begin at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 29, 2022, at the Erin Springs Baptist Church in Erin Springs, Oklahoma. She will be laid to rest following the service at the Green Hill Cemetery in Lindsay, Oklahoma.

Services are under the direction of Scott and Angel Wilbourn Family Funeral Home in Lindsay, Oklahoma, with interment in Green Hill Cemetery.

Condolences may be made to the family online at www.wilbournfamilyfuneralhome.com

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Lou Ila (Gregory) Jenkins please visit our Sympathy Store.

Cemetery Details

Geen Hill Cemetery

E. County Rd. 1490
Lindsey, OK 73052

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC **29**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Erin Springs Baptist Church
Highway 76 South
Lindsey, OK 73052

Tribute Wall



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Lou Ila (Gregory) Jenkins.*



December 24, 2022 at 05:06 PM



“ *Prayers for all this big family!! Ester Poston Hageman, cousin to Edith McSwain Jenkins*



Ester Poston Hageman - December 23, 2022 at 05:59 PM