



## Maxine Beck

May 16, 1919 - May 30, 2009

Maxine Beck passed from this life on Saturday May 30th, 2009 at ninety years of age at the Lindsay Manor Nursing Home in Lindsay, Oklahoma where she had been a resident for one week after spending several weeks in the PaulsValley General Hospital after a battle with heart disease.

Maxine Vestal James Beck was born on May 16, 1919, in Lindsay, Oklahoma, as one of three children of Jesse Lee James and Ada Kimbrell James. She attended a rural school in Garvin County through the eighth grade. She spent her early life south of Lindsay as a young "country" girl in every sense of the word as she was often seen riding her horse in the country and helping her father in the fields as she guided her own team of mules alongside her father in working the fields. She later was a successful homemaker and helpmate to her husband, Vearl, in his business ventures.

Maxine and Vearl Beck were married for sixty-seven years after having married at Pauls Valley on August 3, 1940. Through the years Maxine and Vearl worked as a team in farming and cattle operations. This was done in addition to her number one job as a "homemaker" at her home in Erin Springs. She enjoyed a long life with her husband, Vearl, as she helped him every step of the way for sixty-seven years until his death on October 17, 2007.

Maxine was a Christian and long-time member of the Erin Springs Baptist Church. She was Class Secretary/Treasurer for thirty-five years. Maxine's Sunday School class was a special part of her life as she often spoke of the ladies of the class and her precious teacher, Hazel Decker. She had fond memories of the group and recalled often her special memory of their Branson trip together and the laughs they shared. It was always interesting to note how she never promoted out of that class. Her more recent teacher, Bobbie Hilliard, and members of the class continued to make her a valued member of the class in her later years. Maxine loved to cook for everyone and insisted that you eat when you visit. She seemed to always have a "buffet" prepared when Whitney Hope was visiting "grandma and grandpas" house. Maxine deemed it her mission to prepare food for bereavement dinners at the church even when she was no longer able to attend services. She continued to prepare food for bereavement dinners until she entered the hospital. Maxine was always looking for new and better recipes to cook. In her earlier years, she was a faithful kitchen worker for Bible School as she felt this was how she could help and was her calling to service.

Maxine was very active in the garden. She had plants ready to plant this Spring when she became ill. She took her gardening serious. Vearl and later Dan had to get the ground plowed at the right time and in the correct manner. She was always doing battle with "critters" that invaded her garden. She was often seen chasing our good neighbor, Jay L Edgar's guineas out the garden on a regular basis. At the age of eighty-nine, she continued to set traps for raccoons and skunks that destroyed Dan's cattle feed in the barn. In January of this year, she was sprayed by an annoyed skunk because of her antics.

In addition to her husband, Vearl Beck, Maxine was preceded in death by her parents, Jesse and Ada James. She was also preceded in death by her siblings Fillmore James and Von Newby.

Maxine is survived by her son Danny Vearl Beck and wife, Valerie and granddaughter, Whitney Hope Beck of Lindsay. Other grand-children include Jon and Jennifer Bakewell and son, Jacob of Piedmont and Cari Bakewell James and her children, Savannah, Eden, and Jaden James of Chickasha, and Daniel Bakewell of Mustang.

Maxine is also survived by her brother-in-law, Ray Newby. Surviving nephews are Douglas Beck, James Ray Newby, Mickey Newby, Ron Newby, and Kevin Newby. She is survived by two nieces, Carolyn Beck and Annette Smith.

Services for Maxine will be on Tuesday, June 2nd, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the Erin Springs Baptist Church on Hwy 7

# Tribute Wall

RR

“ Sorry to hear about Aunt Maxine. Always enjoyed seeing her when we visited Mom James (Lula). Just heard of your loss today.

Ricky Ruff - June 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We didn't hear of it in time to attend her funeral, but our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Leo and June Elkins - June 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ I'm sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of Maxine as far back staying in the church nursery with her. God bless.

Kim Dutton Gray - June 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Danny and family, we were so sorry to read of Maxine's death. We didn't know about it, in time to come to her funeral. She was a very Special Lady. We loved her very much.

Jack and Evelyn Gregory - June 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ Dan, Valerie, and Whitney, I am so sorry for your loss. Maxine was a wonderful lady.

Pam Gregory - June 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Danny, your mother was an absolute wonderful neighbor and friend to my grandmother, Lottie Arnold. Both your parents were wonderful to my grandparents and as a child growing up next door to you was the best times of my childhood. I remember climbing through the fence covered in burlap so that we could play together. Your mother was always cooking your breakfast of homemade biscuits and eggs fried in homemade butter. She always laughed with us as we played while she was working hard but she had as much fun watching us play as we did. She took Danny and I to our first day of school at Erin Springs. God Bless you and your family.

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**Sue Arnold** - June 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Dan & Valerie, I remember as a child, going to Erin Springs Baptist Church with my grandmother Ayers. Maxine was always there. I also remember going to her home on occasions as a child. What a wonderful lady. You are in our prayers. John & Tammie

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**John Hornbeck** - June 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Dan, Valerie and family.....so many wonderful memories of Aunt Maxine...her cooking, mud sliding with 2 different generations of kids, her gardens, and just showing all of us what family love is. She will be missed by all of us. Our love, thoughts, and prayers are with you.<br>

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**Mickey & Linda** - May 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I've known Maxine most of my life. What a joy she was to all who knew her. She will be greatly missed.<br><br>You are all in my prayers.

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**Shirley Miller** - May 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ Dan, Valerie, and Family,<br><br>We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom. We will keep you in our prayers in the days ahead.

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**Ron and Janet Janousek** - May 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM