



Nona E. Bessie Graham

January 6, 1918 - October 8, 2009

Nona E. "Bessie" Graham passed from this life on October 8, 2009 at Norman Specialty Hospital in Norman, Oklahoma at the age of 91. Nona was born in DeKalb, Missouri on January 6th, 1918 to R.J. Strong and Dora (Stedham) Strong. She married Harold Graham on June 19th, 1938 in Anadarko, Oklahoma.

Bessie was a resident of Lindsay, Oklahoma since 1948. She had worked in retail sales. She was a member of the first Christian Church, Christian Women's Fellowship, Mother's Club, the Lindsay Literary Club and a past member of Eastern Star. Bessie's hobbies and interests included photography, foreign travel and scrapbooking.

Nona is survived by her two sons, Gary Graham and wife Martha of Norman, Oklahoma and Phillip Graham of Waxahachie, Texas, Three grandchildren; Mike Burnshire and wife Lori of Wichita, Kansas, Jay Graham and wife Julie of Ardmore, Oklahoma and Johnathan Graham of Texas along with six great-grandchildren; Kobee Burnshire of Lexington, Virginia, Larry Burnshire of Coffeerville, Kansas, Peytn Burnshire of Wichita, Kansas, Nick Dool of Ardmore, Oklahoma, Evan Graham of Ardmore, Oklahoma and Chloe Graham of Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Bessie was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Graham on March

25th, 1979. Also preceding her in death were her parents, R.J. and Dora Strong and one brother, Floyd Strong.

A memorial service for Nona is set for eleven o'clock a.m. on October 16th, 2009 at Green Hill Cemetery in Lindsay, Oklahoma with Rev. Joseph W. Wingfield officiating. The service is under the direction of B.G. Boydston funeral Home of Lindsay, Oklahoma. Condolences for the family may be made online at www.boydstonfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

LS

“ Bessie was always someone I looked forward to seeing while spending time with my Grandma Helen. We had a lot of laughs together. It was an honor to know her, there are many fond memories. She will be missed.

Laura Clements- Stone - October 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Your Mom was my Mom's best friend. They made many trips to Braums and Pauls Valley to eat. They both said they eat to live and live to eat. Bessie always shared her smiles. We always looked forward to spending time with her when we were in town. There is a new angel in heaven.

LaJuana and Rodger Clements - October 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Bessie was a caring and loving person. She was a wonderful Sunday School teacher and she loved her church. She told me in Wal Mart one day that even though she couldn't attend church as often as she would have liked, that she always dressed up like she was going. I thought that was very admirable. May God Bless your family.

Barbara Russell - October 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Gary & Phil and families, Bessie was a wonderful lady and I feel so priviledged to have known her. She will be greatly missed by her church. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God keep you in His care.

Cynthia Terry Malicoat - October 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Ms. Graham was such a sweet and caring person. I am blessed to have known her. She will be missed by many.

Cheryl Doyal - October 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ Gary & Phil- We will all miss Bessie, she always had that smile and even though she was not able to attend Church very often the past few years, we will always miss her. We will miss her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you-

Bill Clements, Jr. - October 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Thinking of you and so sorry for your loss. Bessie was very interesting to be around with stories of her adventures and telling of her family lineage. She was exceptionally proud of her children and so happy to be able to cook for them. The neighborhood will be different without her.

Cherish your memories. In Christ's Love--Carolyn, Leora Cooper, Danna, and our families

Carolyn Malena-Franklin - October 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ Gary & Phil

As you know your Mom was a very special lady and I feel honored to have known her. I have very special memories of Bessie & Harold when I worked at ONG.

Treasure your memories of the good times shared with her. I pray that the Lord will give you comfort and peace.

LINDA NEWBY - October 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM