



## Willie Franklin

June 30, 1922 - August 4, 2011

On Thursday August 4th, 2011, Willie Franklin departed this life. She was 89 years old. Willie Juanita (Norton) Franklin was born in Tupelo, Oklahoma June 30, 1922 to Richard Durain Norton and Mary Emma (Woodruff) Norton. She was the youngest of seven children. Willie graduated from Cox City High School. She was a starter on the basketball team. She taught Sunday School to young adults. and teens in the Pikes Peak Community.

Willie was courted by Leonard Nathan Franklin for two years. They were married on August 2, 1940 in Pikes Peak Community where they made their first home. They had two children, Leonard Junior Franklin and Leta Kay (Franklin) Adkisson.

Willie, Leonard, and children traveled around the country working pipeline for (Ac Price) for fifteen years. During that time they bought a farm south of Lindsay and continued to pipe line. When they returned home, Willie attended cosmetology school and obtained her beautician's license. She owned and operated the Willie's House of Glamour for twenty-five years. Willie retired and continued to operate a small shop from her home. She owned and operated rental properties.

Willie was very active in Home Demonstration Club. She enjoyed many activities such as sewing, gardening, and traveling. Willie was able to travel to

many exotic locations with Home Demonstration Club. When Willie and Leonard retired, they made many trips to Branson, Missouri, where they owned property. Willie enjoyed the many shows in Branson.

Willie loved her family. She had a hand in raising each of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Willie enjoyed spending time with them. It didn't matter what they were doing, she was always right there to help. Willie bragged on each and every one of them to anyone who would listen.

Down through the years, the family would tease Willie because she could work circles around all of us. She was a very strong lady, managing rental properties and raising a beautiful garden. It didn't matter what kind of dead plant you took her, she could revive it. Even after she had her stroke, Willie continued to talk about working in the dirt. Willie's garden will be magnificent in heaven.

Willie is survived by one son, Leonard Junior Franklin and wife Kathrin of Edmond, Oklahoma, her daughter, Leta Kay (Franklin) Adkisson and husband Leon of Lindsay, Oklahoma, five grandchildren; Jeff Franklin and wife Lisa of Midland, Texas, Kim Mashburn and husband Jeff of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Lynette Ramming and husband Coy of Lindsay, Oklahoma, Lanita "Mickie" Yandell of Lindsay, Oklahoma and Lane Adkisson and wife Charlene of Tuttle, Oklahoma, and one sister-in-law, Doy Franklin of Lindsay, Oklahoma.

Grandma Franklin also leaves behind her beloved great-grandchildren; Kyndl Ramming of Norman, OK, Jakob Ramming and wife Kelly of Lindsay, Logan Adkisson and Tristen Adkisson of Tuttle, OK, Kayla Yandell-Henry and husband Jay of Lindsay, OK, Kyler Yandell of Lindsay, OK, Austin Mashburn, Kathrin Mashburn and Ashley Mashburn of Oklahoma City, OK, Grant Franklin

and Ellee Franklin of Midland, TX, Karson Yandell, Koda Yandell and Kolton Yandell of Lindsay, and Cameron King, Millie King, Micah King and Bailey Fisher of Tuttle, OK, and her great-great-grandchildren, Joslyn and Jaxson Henry of Lindsay, Oklahoma.

Preceding Willie in death were her husband Leonard Franklin, her parents, Richard and Mary Norton, two sisters, Dovie Norton and Dora Parker and four brothers; Earl Norton, Lonnie Norton, Boyd Norton and Virgil Norton.

Funeral services for Mrs. Franklin are set for ten o'clock a.m. on Saturday, August 6th, 2011 at Erin Springs Baptist Church, South of Lindsay on State Highway 76, with Pastor Jeff Franklin officiating. Interment will follow at Green Hill Cemetery in Lindsay, Oklahoma. Services are under the direction of B.G. Boydston Funeral Home of Lindsay, Oklahoma. Condolences may be made

# Tribute Wall

CR

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Willie, I didnt hear about her passing untill now, I was searching to see how long ago an old friend had passed & seen her name. I loved Willie & Leonard they were such good landlord when I lived out @ the trailer park always wanted to help me & my children. She will be missed by alot of people here in lindsay. God Bless all of your family. Willie we will see you in Heaven...

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**Carol Romine** - September 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Leta Kay, girls, and families, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. It's hard to lose a Mom and Grandma. All we can do at a time like this is lean on the Lord for comfort. Please know that you will all be in my prayers.

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**Shirley Miller** - August 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ To the Franklin Family: i am sorry about your loss of Mrs. Franklin. Take comfort in knowing that she is not suffering but is asleep in death waiting on the fulfillment of John 5:28 & 29. I will keep your family in my thoughts & prayers.<br><br>Love,

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**Mamie A. Boyd** - August 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HK

“ To the Willie Franklin family, I was so sorry to read of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you

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**Helen Kochert** - August 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Leta Kay: I was so sad to here about your Mother. My Mother was so close to Willie and I cried for both of them. I was so close to my Mother as you were to yours; you will miss her the rest of your life! She was a wonderful lady.*

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**Betty cudd** - August 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ *Leta Kay and Leon: So sorry to hear of your mom's death. I know she was a special lady.<br>*

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**Louanne Ward Trueblood** - August 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ *Leta Kay, Leonard & Families....so sorry for your loss. Leta Kay, <br><br> I know how close you were to your Mom and how much you will miss her~~you have many treasured memories in your heart, lean on those for comfort.You're in my thoughts & prayers. Love you!*

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**Linda Newby** - August 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ *We send our sincere sympathy in the loss of your Mom. You will be in our prayers.*

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**Ron and Janet Janousek** - August 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Franklin Family, We are so sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Scruggs Family*

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**Joy Stewart** - August 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *Leta Kay and Junior and all the Franklin families; We were sadden to hear of the loss of your mother. She was very Special to us and she will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

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**Jack and Evelyn Gregory** - August 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Leonard, <br><br>I am so sorry for your lose. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Beverly Biby** - August 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VB

“ *Leonard-Just wanted you to know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Vicki Beals** - August 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM