



## Zola Mae Whitt

March 7, 1928 - June 14, 2018

Zola Mae Whitt, loving wife of Bill Whitt and the mother of Randy, Lana, and Cindy, passed away on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at the age of 90; after having lived a long and eventful life.

Zola was born on March 7, 1928 in Ogallala, Nebraska to Roy and Edna Eiker. She was the youngest of 4 children and was blessed with beautiful red hair. Zola was raised during the Depression which had a lasting effect on her view of life. She was grateful for whatever she had in life and taught her children to do the same. Zola told stories of how she shared a bed in the basement with her sister, Lois, due to their bedrooms being rented by boarders and how they had to clean the rooms before they could go to school. Zola was a drummer during a time when few girls were allowed to be one, she played in an accordion band, and she loved to dance. Zola married Jack Stone in 1947. Together they had 3 children, Randy, Lana, and Cindy. In 1965 Jack passed away leaving Zola, a young mother, with 3 children to raise. In 1968 she met a young Oklahoman, Bill Whitt, and they were married in 1969. Zola always thought Bill was brave to marry a widow with one teenager at home and two in college. Bill adopted Zola's three children and they lived as a devoted family for a wonderful 49 years together. Bill and Zola moved from Ogallala to Napa, CA with Bill's job where they lived for a few years. Zola loved the Napa Valley and all it had to offer. They then moved to West Simsbury, CT and she was thrilled to experience snow again. Zola took advantage of living close to NYC and would take a bus with friends to see a

Broadway show and shop for a day. Frequently she would comment on how lucky she was to experience all these things coming from such a small town like Ogallala. When Bill retired they moved back to the small town of Lindsay, OK, where he was from to help with the family farm. Zola was involved in PEO, Bridge Club, and Progressive Club until her health prevented her from continuing. She was also a member of the Church of Christ. In the last few years as her health declined and her memory faltered she shared more stories of her life than her family had ever heard. Some things were surprising and others gave them the gift of knowing that Zola had truly lived an amazing life.

Zola was preceded in death by her parents, first husband Jack Stone, brother Harlow Eiker, and sisters Eva Fraser and Lois Miller. She is survived by her loving and devoted husband Bill Whitt, her 3 children, Randy Stone (Bev), Lana Gallagher, and Cindy Shoemaker (Dale); 7 grandchildren Greg Lewis (Alice), Gary Shoemaker (Jodi), Jennifer Wilson (Bobby), Jamie O'Brien (Matthew), Genna Lewis, Sally Hobbs, and Calvin Stone; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family would like to thank Brandy Blair, Janet Arter, Tina Turner, Wynell McCann, Monica Adams, and especially Beverly Stone for taking care of Zola in a loving and caring way. You always treated her with dignity and also gave Bill the relief to know Zola was never alone.

Funeral Services for Zola will be Sunday, June 17, 2018 at 2:00 pm at the Church of Christ on HWY 19 West in Lindsay, Oklahoma, with Josh Howe and Brant Stubblefield officiating. Following the service Zola will be laid to rest at Green Hill Cemetery in Lindsay, Oklahoma.

Services are under the direction of Scott Wilbourn with Boydston-Wilbourn Funeral Home in Lindsay, Oklahoma. Condolences may be made to the family online at [www.boydstonfuneralhome.com](http://www.boydstonfuneralhome.com)

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# Tribute Wall

AF

“ Sorry for your loss, I found out about it accidentally on facebook. Remember our days in Lindsay Highschool. It is so nice to find out about some old friends sorry it had to be this way.

Anna Blalock, Freeman - June 26, 2018 at 05:06 PM

MA

“ My heart goes out to the family during this difficult time. I hope you find comfort in one another as well as in God's promises for the future. Revelation 21:4

Marcia - June 19, 2018 at 09:17 AM

CA

“ I am so sorry to hear of Zola's passing. I have many fond memories of her, especially her delightful laugh that filled the room with joy. Randy, Lana and Cindy, you will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Cathy Lowell Arndt - June 18, 2018 at 09:50 AM

CM

“ My deepest sympathies on the loss of Zola. May the Lord give you peace and comfort in the days ahead.

Carolyn Malena-Franklin - June 14, 2018 at 06:46 PM