



Alva Dean Sweeney

December 2, 1926 - September 29, 2019

Alva Dean Sweeney beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, passed away quietly at her home surrounded by her loving family on Sunday September 29th, 2019.

Alva Dean was born on December 2nd, 1926 in Wade, Oklahoma to Herman Ernest Smith and Mary Emma Ticknor.

She married her high school sweetheart, Orvil Johnny Sweeney on January 19, 1945. Her family loves to tell the story of their wedding. During their senior year Johnny was among several young men called up for service so Alva Dean and Johnny got married that afternoon at the First Baptist Church's pastor's home and then attended their senior prom that night.

Alva Dean graduated from Durant High School in 1945 while Johnny was at boot camp. After Johnny's service ended in 1946 they moved to California where their son Johnny Wayne was born in 1948. Within that year they moved back to Durant where they owned Acme Cleaners and later a masonry contracting business. In 1964 they started their business, Durant Concrete Block, working side by side before retiring to their Lake Texoma home in 1985. Alva Dean loved that they began to travel and they traveled all over the United States and Canada. She was a talented member of a clogging group where they performed for many different groups. Alva Dean loved to sew and eat breakfast at IHOP, but most of all she loved being with her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Alva Dean had a kind heart and never met a stranger.

Alva Dean is preceded in death by her father Herman E. Smith, mother Emma Mary Neeley, her step father William E. Neeley; her son Stanley Dell Sweeney and brother Billy Wayne Smith

Alva Dean is survived by her husband Orvil “ Johnny” Sweeney; son Johnny Wayne Sweeney of Monroe, LA; Grandson John Adam Sweeney wife Erica and their children Asher, Iris, Mirra; Grandson Zachary Sweeney wife Sarah and their children Ella and Ellyse; Grandson Gabriel Sweeney; her sister in law Ollieta Jean Smith and daughters, Terrie Keck, Sherrie Stout, Jerrie Goforth; sister in law Lucille Bounds and husband Murphy; sister in law Jane Sweeney. Alva Dean leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews, relatives and friends. The family would like to give a special thank you to Marylon Lewis her caregiver and friend.

Previous Events

Family Visitation

OCT 3. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Service - Durant
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Celebration of Life

OCT 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Alva Dean Sweeney*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *Alva Dean was a lovely lady, so gracious and kind. She and Johnny lived in the Sand Point community along with my parents, the Rigdon's. Always has a smile on her face, and you could tell that she and Johnny had the best marriage. I know she will be missed.*

jana gaines - October 05, 2019 at 07:16 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alva Dean Sweeney.*



October 03, 2019 at 02:37 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Alva Dean Sweeney.*



October 03, 2019 at 10:03 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alva Dean Sweeney.*



October 01, 2019 at 09:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Alva Dean Sweeney.*



October 01, 2019 at 01:46 PM



“ *Dean was one of the sweetest people I have ever met. My husband and I would run in to them at different eating places around town. She was always so complimentary and just made you feel good to bask in her sunny smile. My thoughts and prayers are with you John and Johnny and your entire family. She will be so missed by you and all of us who were privileged to know her. With sympathy to you all. From LuEl and Sandy Crawford.*

Luel Crawford - October 01, 2019 at 01:32 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Alva Dean Sweeney.*



October 01, 2019 at 12:06 PM

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“ *What a privilege to care for this precious lady! She was a dear one to all who knew her.*

Tammy Parker, RN - September 30, 2019 at 11:20 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Alva Dean Sweeney.*



September 30, 2019 at 11:08 PM

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“ *Mrs. Sweeny was a beautiful lady inside and out. She always had a smile. My heart breaks for Mr. Sweeny as you could see the love between them. No more pain because she is in the arms of God. My prayers for this wonderful family.*

Debbie Lemmones - September 30, 2019 at 10:25 PM



“ *Forever Beloved was purchased for the family of Alva Dean Sweeney.*



September 30, 2019 at 10:03 PM