



Dixie Mae Prater

August 6, 1921 - October 9, 2017

Dixie Mae (Cheney) Prater, beloved aunt and resident of Durant, Oklahoma passed away on Monday, October 9, 2017 at the age of 96. She was born on August 6, 1921 in Durant, Oklahoma to John J. and Frona (Owens) Cheney. Dixie and her adored husband, Norman Prater, were married on August 5, 1955. She was a favorite teacher to many generations of students at Washington Irving Elementary and was always so proud of the students she taught throughout her long teaching career and shared many memorable stories. She earned a Bachelors degree from Southwestern Oklahoma University and a Masters Degree in Education from Oklahoma University. Dixie was proud of her Choctaw heritage and donated many items and her time to the Choctaw museum. She was also an active member of the 7th and Beech Church of Christ and served on several bank boards.

Mrs. Prater is survived by her sister-in-law Nancy Goff Cheney, nephews; John R. Cheney and wife Marilyn, Robert J. Cheney and wife Gail, nieces Camille C. Fournier and husband David and Allison A. Cheney. She also is survived by 3 great nephews; John Cheney and wife Aundi, Carter Fournier and wife Hayley, Ben Fournier; and 4 great nieces; Melissa Polk and husband Aaron, Lisa Moore and husband Wayne, Lauren Diebel and husband Spencer, Lindsey McClain and husband Matt. She is also survived by 8 great great nephews; Holden, Ryder, Hudson, John William, Dylan, Garrett, Wade and Wyatt and 4 great great nieces; Gwen, Gretchen, Sophie and Madeline.

Dixie was preceded in death by her husband Norman Prater, her brother John Arthur Cheney and parents Frona (Frony) and John J. Cheney.

A service will be held Saturday, October 14th at 10 am at 7th and Beech Church of Christ, Layne Heitz presiding. Private Interment will follow at Highland Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family respectfully suggests donations be made to a charity of your choice. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.brownsfuneralservice.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Brown's Durant Funeral and Cremation Service.

Cemetery Details

Highland Cemetery

1620 Cemetery Rd
Durant, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Dixie Mae Prater*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *Mrs. Prater was my 4th/5th grade Social Studies teacher. She also taught my father about 25 years prior! Apparently he made a lasting impression on her because she always called me by his name. It got to be a running joke with us. I also remember seeing her frequently at the hospital when she was a "candy striper." I'll always remember her fondly. Scott Wood*

Scott Wood - October 13, 2017 at 09:29 AM



“ *Dixie was a member of the Three Valley Museum and served on the Board of Directors for more than 30 years. She was a passionate ambassador ...always seeking ways to encourage visitors and enhance programs. She was granted emeritus status in 2016. Some of her beloved doll collection can be seen there.*
Nancy Ferris, Curator
Three Valley Museum

NANCY FERRIS - October 12, 2017 at 05:19 PM



My prayers go to Dixie's family, during this time of loss.

Karen Griffith Harmon - October 13, 2017 at 08:52 AM

JT

“ Dixie and Norman were considered members of our immediate family. My parents and brothers loved her as much as any member of our family. David and I discussed her tremendous life last week. Jim Taylor (son of Hakell and Rose Mae Taylor)

Jim Taylor - October 12, 2017 at 01:12 PM

LW

“ One of my favorite people of all time. She had a big impact on me as a young child at Washington Irving. I will never forget it. Rest In Peace!



Lloyd Wheeler - October 12, 2017 at 08:20 AM

CW

“ So sad .. Dixie lived next door to my Aunt Frances .. she will be missed.

Cheryl Briscoe Wilson - October 11, 2017 at 09:48 PM