



Frankie Story - Cornelison

November 15, 1934 - November 11, 2023

Mrs. Frankie E. Story-Cornelison passed from this life to her heavenly home on Saturday, November 11, 2023.

Frankie was raised in Atoka, Oklahoma. She graduated from Atoka High School in 1953. Frankie trained as a beautician and was employed at O-Dell's Beauty Shop in Durant for several years, while attending Southeastern State University, where she earned a master's degree in elementary education. She taught at Northwest Heights Elementary School in Durant for 25 years, retiring in 2013 from the work she loved. Her coworkers and students were always considered family to her.

Frankie was known in Durant for her beautiful singing voice. She enjoyed singing at funerals, weddings, church gatherings, and anywhere she was asked to participate. She sang around the house frequently, serenading all her children, family and those around to listen and enjoy. Frankie also delighted in hosting Thanksgiving dinner for the family. It was her favorite holiday.

Her first marriage to Bob C. Story resulted in four children that were her pride and joy. They all survive her. Bobby and wife, Melissa; Keith and wife, Stacey; Thomas Bennett Story; and Lisa Story-Thomas – all of Durant.

Frankie was blessed with eight grandchildren. Robert R. Story and wife Kamwin of Durant; Lhauren Spann and husband, Matt of Melissa, TX; Jackson Stuteville and wife, Audra of Washington, D.C. Bradley Story and wife Kayla of Durant; Eric Story and wife, Avi of Sherman, TX; Julie Lillibridge and husband, Dillon of Sherman, TX; Jake Cobb of Durant; Zachary Thomas

of Anna, TX, Courtney Reirdon of Durant and Tyler Reirdon of Durant. Her blessings multiplied with 15 great-grandchildren Camden, Blayke, Graceson, Gavin, Tessa, Titus, Alexis, Colton, Addison, Ethan, Edward, Ainsley, Gunner, Hendrix and Addalee.

Frankie was the wife of the well-known and much-loved Kenneth Cornelison of Madill. They made their home in Durant, Oklahoma.

Frankie was a member of the First Baptist Church of Durant, FBC Choir, Fortnightly, Rebecca's Circle, Durant Educational Association, Delta Kappa Gamma and a den mother for cub scouts when her boys were young. Her family was her greatest joy and achievement.

She and Thomas (Tommy), continued to attend First Baptist Church, which they enjoyed greatly. There they kept in touch with many of their dear friends, some of which are Jeanine and Dolphus Haddock and Sue Bryant.

Frankie was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Cornelison, mother, Alma Miller, her father, Frank Ham and grandparents Dr. & Mrs. Roy G Ham all of Atoka, as well as her brother, Fred E. Ham of Seabrook, TX, and her brother-in-law, Rev. Grady Eugene Lee of Calera, OK and Denver, CO.

She is survived by her sister Royce Lee, and their children Sheila and husband, Kip Thornton; Janet Lee all of Englewood, CO; Jeff and wife, Deidra of Larkspur, CO; and Greg and wife, Tonya of Grand Junction, CO and sisters Marie Marmon and Linda Adamson. Her sister-in-law Julie Ham of Seabrook, TX. Frankie's step-son – John Cornelison and wife Cindy of North Carolina.

Frankie will be greatly missed by her entire family and her hometown of Durant, OK. Her memory will carry on in their hearts for a lifetime.

Thank you to the staff at Featherstone of Durant, Oklahoma for their care and compassion these past few months.

A funeral service will be held at the First Baptist Church of Durant, Oklahoma, lead by Pastor Garry McNeill on Saturday, November 18, 2023, at 2:00 pm. Interment will follow at Highland Cemetery Durant, Oklahoma.

Services are under the direction of Brown's Funeral Service of Durant, OK

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/SBCHQGR3JDPKSDKR>

Cemetery Details

Highland Cemetery

1620 Cemetery Rd
Durant, OK

Previous Events

Family Visitation

NOV 18. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
124 W. Evergreen
Durant, OK

Funeral

NOV 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
124 W. Evergreen
Durant, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Frankie Story - Cornelison*



Brown's Durant Funeral Service - November 17, 2023 at 12:11 PM

LT

Beautiful, just like she was...❤️🙏🏻🕊️🕊️ ~ I Love You ~ Lisa Story - Thomas

Lisa Story - Thomas - November 17, 2023 at 04:58 PM

JM

“ *Prayers to your family. Morrison family thinking of you and thankful for the life of Frankie.*

Joyce Morrison - November 18, 2023 at 10:32 AM

LT



Lisa Story - Thomas - November 18, 2023 at 10:18 PM

BM

“ *Bryce, Carolyn, Maggie, Molly, Morgan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frankie Story - Cornelison.*

Bryce, Carolyn, Maggie, Molly, Morgan - November 17, 2023 at 01:47 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frankie Story - Cornelison.*



November 17, 2023 at 01:47 PM



“ *129 files added to the album Gallery of Pictures*



Brown's Durant Funeral Service - November 17, 2023 at 12:29 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Frankie Story - Cornelison.*



November 16, 2023 at 07:33 AM

RG

“ ROYCE, SHEILA, JANET, JEFF, GREG planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frankie Story - Cornelison.

ROYCE, SHEILA, JANET, JEFF, GREG - November 15, 2023 at 11:54 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frankie Story - Cornelison.



November 15, 2023 at 11:54 AM

ST

“ No one will miss her more than her Colorado family. She blessed us like no one else was able to. She made so many things available for us growing up. She took us to 6 Flags almost every summer. She took us to our first movie in a theater - Mary Poppins. I think I'm beginning to understand why that character is so special for me. She took us to the Country Club for 4th of July celebrations, and gave us our swim lessons. (I'd drown in water now.) 🙏

Frankie - you were our angel. We love you. Rest in God's arms - and please say HI to dad.....❤️

Sheila Thornton - November 15, 2023 at 11:46 AM

LT



Lisa Story - Thomas - November 18, 2023 at 01:29 AM

CN

“ Court and Pat Nichols planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frankie Story - Cornelison.

Court and Pat Nichols - November 15, 2023 at 11:29 AM

CN

“ Court and Pat Nichols purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Frankie Story - Cornelison.



Court and Pat Nichols - November 15, 2023 at 11:29 AM

LT

“ So glad I got to meet Frankie and Royce , the summer 2012. when they made a trip to Hannibal , Mo. Their grandfather Roy was my grandfather Harry's brother. You all are in my thoughts , Linda Ham Thompson



Linda Ham Thompson - November 14, 2023 at 08:29 PM

LT



Lisa Story - Thomas - November 18, 2023 at 01:30 AM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Frankie Story - Cornelison.



November 14, 2023 at 05:01 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Frankie Story - Cornelison.



November 13, 2023 at 07:25 PM



“ Frankie was a God send. She was a beautiful soul inside and out. No words can actually describe Frankie. Her love will be with us forever. She will be truly missed.



Jaime (Bowers) Upchurch - November 13, 2023 at 12:26 AM



Lisa Story - Thomas - November 18, 2023 at 01:28 AM



“ Frankie was the most caring and loving. I met her when I was 10 years old and we had a lot o good times. She could make you feel loved. I loved her and will miss her. I pray God comfort the family .

Lana Bryant - November 12, 2023 at 07:04 PM



Lisa Story - Thomas - November 18, 2023 at 01:30 AM