



## Jolene Emerson

June 2, 1930 - October 31, 2020

Thelma “Jolene” Emerson was born on June 2, 1930 in Hess, Oklahoma to Joe Andrew Kirby and Esther Mae (Harmon) Kirby-Richardson and passed from this life on Saturday, October 31, 2020, in Colbert, Oklahoma at the age of 90 years, 4 months and 29 days.

She married the love of her life, Jerry Conrad Emerson on September 7, 1946, in Sherman, Texas, and was blessed with 68 years together. Jolene worked as a beautician and owned her own shop in both Caddo and Durant. Jolene loved doing her arts and crafts and dearly loved her family and friends.

Jolene is preceded in death by her parents, Joe Kirby and Esther Mae (Harmon) Kirby- Richardson, her husband Jerry Conrad Emerson, infant son Terry Joe Emerson, infant daughter Mary Ann Emerson, brothers Leroy Kirby, Jimmy Kirby, Billy Kirby, sister Donella Hatfield, Grandson Keith Hendrix and Son in law Charles Sprowl.

She is survived by her daughter Marsha Sprowl of Howe, TX, son Bruce Emerson and wife Darla of Durant, OK, daughter Pam Rummell and husband Robert of Durant, OK, brother Donald Yates of Van Alystne, TX sister Margie Padgett of Durant, OK, and Helen Veno of Chandler, AZ. Jolene also leaves behind 10 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter due in January.

Graveside services will be held Thursday, November 5, 2020, at 2:00 PM at Highland cemetery. Services are under the direction of Brown's Funeral Service of Durant. Online condolences can be made at [www.brownsfuneralservice.com](http://www.brownsfuneralservice.com)

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/W4T52FBXH7T6CL8B>

# Cemetery Details

## Highland Cemetery Pavilion

Durant, OK

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

NOV 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

Highland Cemetery  
1620 Cemetery Rd  
Durant, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Jolene Emerson*



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**Brown's Durant Funeral Service** - November 04, 2020 at 12:42 PM

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*This is a precious video of my dear Aunt Jolene, Uncle Jerry, their children and extended family. Thank you so much for putting this together so beautifully. Sandra Jordan Spoon*

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**Sandra Spoon** - November 05, 2020 at 11:53 PM



“ *Jolene Emerson*

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January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM

“ I am the granddaughter of Frank E. Emerson (brother of Jerry.) I and my husband, David, send our heartfelt sympathy to my cousins, Marsha, Bruce and Pam, and all of their children and grandchildren for the loss of Jolene. Over many years, I have spent time with Jerry and Jolene. They would come and bring their children--my cousins to visit Grandfather (Frank) and Grandmother (Tiny) in Chula Vista--San Diego County. As children, we always had so much fun together--remember going to Disneyland with us! And camping out in mother and dad's hallway?

*I treasure the time we spent with Jerry and Jolene when they came to Washington to*

*visit family here--Jerry's deceased sister, Alice, had a daughter, Milta (now deceased), living here. Millie (Milta) and her family had all of us over for the day for a picnic and lots of fun conversation--so much of the conversation was centered on Jerry and Jolene's children.*

*In 1987, Mother (Frankie Lorene Emerson Johnstone) and I flew back to Durant for*

*a family reunion which was so amazing. We took my grandfather, Frank. He had*

*cancer and he treasured seeing his family all in one place--he died a few months*

*later.*

*After grandfather's death, mother and I attended another family reunion a year or two later, and again, were welcomed with love and generosity of spirit.*

*We especially treasure the few days we spent in Durant when David and I came through to visit the Emerson family (Jerry, Jolene, and Henry Emerson's sons, Cecil and Bobby.) We had so much fun while there. Jerry took David for a spin on his four-wheeler and Jolene cooked us a great "Southern" dinner complete with one of my all-time favorites--fried okra. Bobby and Cecil also joined the dinner. We stayed at the nearby Holiday Inn Express over the objections by Jerry and Jolene that we should stay with them. They were always so kind, so generous and so very loving to me and to David. We had such a wonderful opportunity while visiting to reunite*

*with Bruce and Pam, and then a couple of days later, Jerry, Jolene and Cecil, drove us to a lake on the Oklahoma-Texas border to visit Marsha and her husband, Charlie, and their three children while they were vacationing there. It was such a memorable visit for me. During the Christmas holidays every year, Jerry called mother in San Diego, and me in the Seattle area until the year before his death. And Jolene always joined the conversation when we talked. They both were such very special people--my family. My Emerson family.*

*I know your sorrow runs deep. Mother died on January 2, 2016, and there isn't a day that goes by when I don't miss her ever so much. A friend gave me some advice that helped me, and I will pass it on and hope that it helps all of you with your grief. It was, "Talk to your mother every day and tell her you miss her and love her." And I talk to mother every day and share my secrets with her. I hope you will find comfort in talking with Jolene (and Jerry) every day.*

*Jolene was the best of the best when it came to being a loving, kind, thoughtful and giving woman. And she was a beauty. Her beauty was enhanced by her inner light. I will always remember her beautiful, warm, blue eyes, and her quiet, lovely smile. Jerry's eyes always sparkled when he looked at her.*

*Jolene, you've left such a legacy in the life you led which is reflect in your loving and caring family. Rest in Peace, dear Jolene.*

*Thank you, Cecil, for always keeping me abreast of the Emerson family. I appreciate it more than I can tell you.*

*Kathryn Emerson Smith (& David)*

*Fox Island, WA*

*kathysm@msn.com*

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**Kathryn Emerson Smith** - November 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Jolene Emerson.*



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November 04, 2020 at 11:11 AM



“ *Jolene and Jerry were so good to my mother, Martha Hayes.. They were all three of the same type, hard workers, and good friends to all. I have very fond memories of them both. I know you will miss her, but you can join her and your dad when the time comes,, May God comfort you all in the days ahead.*

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**Linda Caraway** - November 02, 2020 at 07:35 PM