



Lillie Mae (Perry) Edwards

November 7, 1918 - February 13, 2018

Lillie Mae (Perry) Edwards was an early pioneer farm girl whose family moved her to and from Arkansas in a covered wagon in the early 1920's. Little did she know that Oklahoma was where she would live out her life, eventually marrying and having two children. Early Tuesday morning, Feb. 13, 2018, at the age of 99, her long journey came to an end peacefully at her home in Durant.

She was a gentle woman who survived serious childhood diseases in the days before medicines could make a difference. She worked the family farm and hardly noticed the Great Depression in the 1930's, producing almost everything their family needed themselves.

"We always had plenty of food and made our own clothes," she said during her birthday celebration in November of last year. That may have been why her family avoided the Dust Bowl migration to California during The Depression, made famous in the novel, "The Grapes of Wrath."

She attended Bennington schools and later became a member of the Eastern Star. She was of the Baptist faith.

She was born on Nov. 7, 1918, four days before the armistice was signed that ended WWI, near Broken Bow, Oklahoma, to Thomas David Perry and Lera Lee (Anderson) Perry.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Claud Edwards Sr., her parents; brothers Charles, Leslie and Paul Perry; sisters Ola Logan, Hazel Rogers, Ruth Campbell and Lucille Dirickson; daughter-in-law Nelda Edwards; son-in-law Charlie Crawford; and great-granddaughter Lacy Ryan.

Survivors are daughter Betty Crawford, Durant; and son Claud Edwards Jr., Bokchito; grandchildren, Sherry Ryan and Mark, Shelly Whatley and Kevin; Laura Allen Scott; Shelia Knight; Cristy Lindsey and Mark; Carolyn Faull and C.W.; Savannah Toma and Clay; Summer Roberts and Bradley; Charles Edward Crawford and Kathy; Diana Bretthorst; Timothy Robinson and Amanda; Tammy Thompson; Chance Hudspeth; 25 great grandchildren, and 13 great-great grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Kevin Whatley, Nick Whatley, Ian Lindsey, T.J. Knight, Michael Mays and Alex Ryan.

Honorary pallbearers will be Phil Cross, David Dirickson, Glenn Campbell, and J.D. Campbell.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Brown's Funeral and Cremation Service. Family hour will be 6-8 p.m. Friday at Browns Funeral and Cremation Service. Bro. Anthony Williams will officiate. Interment will follow in Bokchito Cemetery.

The family would like to give a special thank you to the entire staff at Encompass Home Health and Hospice especially, Marissa, Danny, Jessica, Elizabeth and Ashley.

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

Bokchito Cemetery

Bokchito, OK

Previous Events

Family Hour

FEB **16**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Service - Durant
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Celebration of Life

FEB **17**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lillie Mae (Perry) Edwards*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Lillie Mae (Perry) Edwards.*



February 16, 2018 at 12:12 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Lillie Mae (Perry) Edwards.*



February 16, 2018 at 12:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lillie Mae (Perry) Edwards.*



February 15, 2018 at 10:48 PM

BF

“ *Bill and Beth, Gina, David, Melany, Steve and Famlies purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Lillie Mae (Perry) Edwards.*



Bill and Beth, Gina, David, Melany, Steve and Famlies -
February 14, 2018 at 09:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lillie Mae (Perry) Edwards.*



February 14, 2018 at 02:47 PM

DC

“ *Donna Caldwell lit a candle in memory of Lillie Mae (Perry) Edwards*



Donna Caldwell - February 14, 2018 at 02:01 PM

DC

I am so sorry for your loss. May God give the strength to get thru this time of sorrow. God Bless.
Donna

Donna Caldwell - February 14, 2018 at 02:22 PM

BD

“ I didn't know Lillie Edwards, but I have met her daughter Betty and her granddaughter, Sherri. Both are vibrant, strong and beautiful women and I am sure Lillie Edwards was proud of them both. Ms. Edwards lived a long life, well loved I am sure, and while her passing is very sad for her many family and friends. I hope Saturday's memorial service celebrates a wonderful woman in her many roles of wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

Beth Dolliver

Beth Dolliver - February 13, 2018 at 08:14 PM



“ Kenya Ford-Thomas lit a candle in memory of Lillie Mae (Perry) Edwards



Kenya Ford-Thomas - February 13, 2018 at 06:22 PM



“ Brenda Smith lit a candle in memory of Lillie Mae (Perry) Edwards



Brenda Smith - February 13, 2018 at 06:11 PM