



## Odessa (Hembree) Howard

June 30, 1922 - December 21, 2013

Odessa (Hembree) Howard was born on June 30, 1922 in Atoka County, Oklahoma to Alexander (Alex) and Esty (Stiles) Hembree and passed from this life on December 21, 2013 at her home in Boswell, Oklahoma.

Odessa graduated from Atoka High School and later married James “Jim” Howard on September 10, 1942 in Lauderdale County, Mississippi and they were blessed with 44 years together until Jim’s death on September 20, 1986. Together they owned operated Howard’s Dry Goods in Boswell for many years until their retirement. Odessa was involved in many community organizations in her earlier years and she was a long time Sunday School Teacher and member of the Boswell Baptist Church. She loved her flowers, doing yard work, mowing her own lawn and keeping it manicured and she was known to have a green thumb.

Odessa was preceded in death by her parents Alex and Esty Hembree; husband Jim Howard; brothers John, Alvis, Otto, Lloyd, Robert and Ezekiel Hembree; sister Edith Montgomery; sister in law Evelyn Hembree; brother in laws John Stanley and Monte Montgomery and special nephew Bill Hembree. Odessa is survived by her sisters Judy Stanley of Avery, TX and Jackie James and husband Jessie of Lancaster, CA; special niece Barbara Goff and husband Mike of Farris, OK; special friend and care taker Kay Caldwell and husband Bob of Boswell, OK; sisters in law Ruth Hembree of Farris, OK and Janette Hembree of Ft. Worth, TX and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Odessa’s life will be held at 10:00 AM Monday, December 23,

2013 at Brown's Funeral Service Chapel in Durant, OK with Bro. Alvie Thornton officiating. Odessa will be laid to rest next to her husband in Restland Cemetery Boswell, OK. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.brownsfuneralservice.com](http://www.brownsfuneralservice.com).

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

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Odessa (Hembree) Howard*

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“ *Sorry, we couldn`'t be there with you in this time of need with the family, we will alway`s love you, Sister, and we will miss you so much.*

*Love your family in Calif.*

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**jesse,jackie james & the girls** - December 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM