



Mrs Florene Augusta Long

May 7, 1928 - August 29, 2017

Florene Augusta Long (nee Allensworth) went to her eternal resting place on Tuesday, August 29, 2017. In her final days, she was showered with love by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren- the greatest treasures in her life.

Born on May 7, 1928, to Leo and Dovie Allensworth in Rufe, OK, Florene was a lifelong Oklahoman. The sixth of fourteen children, she was raised in a home full of activity. On the Allensworth homeplace there were always chores to be done- and chores they did. Her childhood instilled in her the values of hard work, sacrifice, and discipline. She learned that much can be made from very little and the key to life isn't to have a lot- it's what you do with it. The best part of her childhood was the bonds she developed with her siblings. They were more than just brothers and sisters- they were friends and trusted companions. Those relationships lasted long past childhood and are reflected in the following generations today.

On January 29, 1947, Florene married her beloved husband, J W Long. Their marriage lasted 70 years and serves as a beautiful testament of what can grow from a commitment to love- through the good times and bad.

Their family began with the arrival of their first child, Jerry Wayne, in 1949. Recognizing opportunities existed beyond southeastern Oklahoma, J W and Florene relocated to Midwest City in 1950. The house they purchased is the one they lived in for rest of their lives. Florene took great pride in making their house a home; it was felt by anyone who entered.

Their family grew in April 1956 with the birth of their second child, Susan Annette. They welcomed their third child, Bruce Arnold, in March 1960. In December 1963, the family was complete with their fourth child, Thomas Lee.

Florene was devoted to her children and provided for them in any way she could. She was an excellent homemaker, seamstress, and cook. There wasn't anything she couldn't sew. She often made clothes for the family from patterns she made herself. When it came to cooking, she was the best. If you came to her home hungry, you wouldn't leave that way. Nothing made her happier than to feed people's spirits with good food- it was one of her true gifts.

Florene looked forward to holidays and special occasions immensely. Whether in

southeastern Oklahoma or in Midwest City, celebrations were a family affair. No matter where they were- there was always enough room and food for everyone. Florene made sure that everyone was welcomed and loved; that's what a Long family gathering is all about.

As charter members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Florene and J W raised their family grounded in faith. Florene served the Lord in many ways at the church. From phone chains to potluck suppers, Florene was a key player in most activities. She attended the church until her passing.

Florene began working outside the home in the early 1970s. She was a receptionist at Midwest City Regional Hospital and went on to hold positions at Dillard's and Oklahoma Memorial Hospital as well. She enjoyed working as it allowed her to connect with and serve others- something she greatly enjoyed.

In 1980, Florene became "MamMaw". Her smile said it all- being a grandmother was one of her most cherished roles. She adored her six grandchildren and spending time with them brought her much joy. They felt the same way about her.

After retirement, Florene enjoyed tending to her flowers, long visits with family and friends, and supporting her grandchildren at their school and sport activities. She loved the color red, a cup of coffee, Christmas, and spending time with J W. They both liked traveling to see new parts of the country- especially National Parks. But no matter where she went, if given a choice she'd rather be at home, with a packed house and table, listening to the laughter of family filling her home.

Florene's life was a patchwork of beautiful experiences and relationships tied together by threads of faith, love, and family. Her life serves as a reminder that using our God-given gifts to serve others is our life purpose. All who knew her were blessed by her loving, nurturing spirit. She will be greatly missed.

She is preceded in death by her parents, eight siblings, beloved husband, and youngest son.

She is survived by the following: Siblings- Kenneth Allensworth, Esther Dixon, Della Jean Williams, Priscilla Tilley, and Joye Courtwright; Children- Jerry Long (Becky), Susan Long, and Bruce Long (Linda); Grandchildren- Jill Long, Jason Long (Lily), Chrisanna Hooten (Addam), Heath Long (Lindsey), Ashley Long (Michael Boblit), and Derrick Long (Emily); and Great-grandchildren- Kallan Long and Everlee Hooten.

In addition, the family would like to extend our deepest gratitude and appreciation to Jennifer Butterfield for her patience and love in caring for J W and Florene the past several years.

A family visitation will be held on Friday, September 1, from 6-8 pm in the Ford Funeral Home Chapel, 315 S Sooner Road, Midwest City, OK, 73110.

Services will be held on Saturday, September 2, at 10 am at Eastlake Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 700 SW 134th Street, Oklahoma City, OK, 73170. Burial will follow

at Arlington Memorial Gardens in Midwest City.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in honor of Florene to the Eastlake Cumberland Presbyterian Church Sanctuary Fund, 700 SW 134th Street, Oklahoma City, OK, 73170, or to Helping Friends Foundation, P. O. Box 1585, Norman, OK 73070.

Events

SEP **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Ford Funeral Service

305 S. Sooner Rd., Midwest City, OK, US, 73110

SEP **Funeral** 10:00AM

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Eastlake Cumberland Presbyterian Church

700 SW 134th St., Oklahoma City, OK, US, 73170

Comments



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs Florene Augusta Long.



August 31, 2017 at 05:00 PM