



Dolores Marie Ramsey

March 8, 1930 - September 26, 2024

Dolores Marie Ramsey, age 94, of Purcell, Oklahoma, formerly of Lexington, passed away Thursday, September 26, 2024, in Norman, Oklahoma. She was born on March 8, 1930, in Oklahoma City. She was the eldest of four children born to Walter Monroe Manning and Leota Marie (Marvel) Manning. Dolores grew up in the OKC area and attended Classen High School, graduating in the class of 1948. While in high school she was a cheerleader for the Classen Cardinals and lead vocalist with the Classen High School Swing Band.

On March 26, 1949, she married the love of her life, Charles Madison Ramsey. They first lived in Oklahoma City for nine years, where they started their family. Beginning in the mid-1950s, they worked weekends at the Ramsey farm to help maintain their 2-acre vegetable garden. This love of gardening was a life-long passion. In 1958, they moved to Lexington, Oklahoma, where they opened "Ramsey's Furniture and Appliance", which they owned for 51 years.

She was active in the Lexington community, where she was a member of the First Baptist Church and was a founding member of the Busy Mom's Club. Besides helping in the family business and raising five children, she also sang in the Norman Sweet Adeline Chorus for a number of years. In 1978, Dolores and Charles moved to Purcell but continued operating their business in Lexington.

In 1966, she began working in the Cleveland County Treasurer's Office. In 1977, she worked for the Department of Corrections (DOC) at the Lexington

Assessment and Reception Center as a Typist/Clerk II. In August of 1985, she moved up to the position of Administrative Assistant II in DOC at their Oklahoma City Administrative Building. At that time, she began reviewing inmate misconduct and grievance cases. She ultimately became the Administrator of the Administrative Review Authority. In April 2000, she retired from the DOC after 23 years of service.

After retirement, besides spending more time with her family, Dolores enjoyed fishing at their cabin on Lake Texoma. She was an avid sports fan, with season tickets to the OU men's basketball games. She also closely followed OU football, OU softball, the OKC Thunder, and in her last days, thoroughly enjoyed watching the 2024 Summer Olympics.

She was preceded in death by:

Husband, Charles Madison Ramsey

Brothers, Billy Monroe Manning and Rolla Gene Manning

One infant son, Charles Madison "Chuckie" Ramsey, Jr.

She is survived by:

Five children, Delinda Baxter and husband Billy of Breese, IL

Robyn Ramsey of Norman, OK

Debra Davis and husband Daniel of Las Vegas, NV

Deanne Givens of Norman, OK

Craig Ramsey and wife Tammy of Purcell, OK

Brother, Jackie Dwayne Manning and wife Judy of Moore, OK

Seven grandchildren, Haley Metcalf, Carey Baxter, Katelyn Milosevic, Joshua Givens,

April Quinton, Christen Knapple, and Dylan Ramsey

Ten great grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral Services will be Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 10:00 am at Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel, Purcell, OK. Burial will follow at 12:00 pm at Memorial Park Cemetery, 13313 N. Kelley Ave., OKC. www.wilsonlittle.com

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

13400 N. Kelley Ave.
Oklahoma City, OK 73131

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

Little's Chapel
127 S. Canadian
Purcell, OK 73080
<http://www.wilsonlittle.com>

Viewing Monday, 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Tribute Wall

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“ I remember so many times going over to my girlfriend, Jerre Lynn Smith’s house on a weekend to see her and almost every time, Charles and Delores were working in the garden of her grandparents, Pawpaw and Memaw Ramsey, who lived next door to her. When I say work, I mean work.
It was the same after we we married when we would go see her folks.
They seemed to work tireless for hours and hours taking care of the fruit trees tomato and other plants.
The garden and orchard were always pristine.
In 1968 we were married. We bought our first and only bedroom furniture from them at Ramsey’s Furniture. We added to it as we were able to.
In the fall of 1973, I became very sick and was unable to do my carpentry work for awhile. Jerre Lynn had just had our first son Brett and Brooke was only 2 years old.
Without ever saying anything or expecting anything in return, Delores and Charles brought us huge boxes of groceries. They were a huge blessing to us.
Loving, caring, giving.
I will never forget their generosity.
We went to hear the Sweet Adelines women’s chorus a couple times.
A very sweet lady who kind of scared me at first, but she changed when I got to know her. Or was it I who changed?
I know she was Jerre Lynn’s favorite aunt.

Thank you, Aunt Delores.

Jerry Byers - September 30, 2024 at 10:43 PM