



Elizabeth Perigo Cantrell

September 15, 1923 - June 15, 2023

Elizabeth Perigo Cantrell, age 99 of Purcell, OK passed away Thursday June 15, 2023 surrounded by her family. She was born September 15, 1923 in Paris TX. She was the 8th of 11 children to William and Elizabeth Beaver. Her family farmed South West of Wayne, OK. When Elizabeth was 12 years of age, the family move to Dallas TX. There she attended Wilmer Hutchins High School, where she met a young man named Alvie William Perigo. They were married May 30, 1938 in Pauls Valley, OK. They had 4 children, Bobby, Carol, Nancy and Sherri, who were all born in Dallas, TX. Elizabeth and Alvie "Bud" both worked in the garment industry. They decided one day, that they would try the manufacturing aspect of the business themselves. So, in 1961 the company was founded and named Sherri Classics Inc. The street where the factory was located still has the name "Sherri Classics Blvd." They hired a young designer JoAnn Weigel, who had just graduated from the Women's University in Denton, TX. She was the only designer at this time. Later, they found one of their employees had designing skills. She was Virginia Millsap Schell. Samples were made and taken to Dallas, TX where the buying offices are located for Sears and JC Penny Company. They sold lots of different styles and they were shipped to all of the Penny's Stores in the US. They traveled to New York, South and North Carolina to purchase fabrics. Alvie "Bud" Perigo passed October 28, 1971 after a short illness. Elizabeth and her children with their spouses continued the family business until 1973 when she retired. She was named business woman of the year in 1972 by the Purcell

Chamber of Commerce. They were long time members of Trinity United Methodist Church in Purcell, OK.

Elizabeth met Bill Cantrell of Ft. Worth, TX and they were married August 24, 1973. Bill owned Jetco Inc. in the sales of aircraft parts and accessories. They traveled to the Embassies on the West Coast and Washington DC. They went to the World Aero Space Fair in Germany and also visited 8 countries while in Europe. Bill sold his business in 1978. They bought a motor home and lived in South Texas for the winter. They pulled a boat because Bill was a fisherman and loved to fish in the Gulf of Mexico. Bill passed March 1, 2007. Elizabeth sold her home and moved into Westbrook Gardens in 2017. Elizabeth will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands Alvie "Bud" Perigo and Bill Cantrell, brothers Clifford, Milton, David, Otis and Arnold Beaver, sisters Anna Walker, Marie Ritter, Ruth O'Hagan, Virginia Conner and Dorothy Knotts, son Bobby Perigo, daughter Carol Stapp, grandson Michael Stapp and granddaughter Cyndi Buterbaugh.

She is survived by her 2 daughters, Nancy Richardson and husband Dale of Purcell, Sherri Sikes and husband Connie "Bub" of Purcell, son-in-law Lester Stapp, 10 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great grandchildren.

Funeral Services are scheduled for 10:00 A.M. Saturday, June 17, 2023 at Trinity United Methodist Church, Purcell. Interment will follow at Hillside Cemetery. Send online condolences to the family at www.wilsonlittle.com

Tribute Wall

KM

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. She was a beautiful soul and I know she will be missed by all. Prayers for peace and comfort.

Kristin McDougal - June 23, 2023 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ I feel I've lost part of my family. My mom worked for them many years. Wonderful people. God bless her family.

Victoria Wilson - June 17, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I was thinking about coming up there, but I will try to make it up there when the weather is not quite so hot. Plus I'm fairly sure there is a fair amount of road construction going on. My cell#-469-810-8187. Would like to hear from y'all. Text messages are ok. Hopefully see y'all soon!



Mike & Gloria Conner - June 16, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ I was so sorry to hear about Elizabeth. She was absolutely the youngest looking 99 year old that I have ever known. I know you are proud of her long active, loving life. My sincere thoughts and prayers are with you all. ❤️

Agnes Wells - June 15, 2023 at 12:00 AM