



Inez Stephens

September 18, 1941 - May 29, 2024

Inez Stephens, age 82, of Washington passed away peacefully on May 29, 2024. Velma Inez Qualls was born on September 8, 1941 in Purcell, Oklahoma, the 2nd of 5 children born to Hubert Alvin Qualls and Mildred Inez (Reinhardt) Qualls. She attended Purcell Public Schools and graduated with the Dragon Class of 1959. Inez married her high school sweetheart, Donald Ray Stephens. After dating for three years, they were married on July 11, 1959 in Purcell. Don and Inez soon moved to Caddo, Oklahoma where together they worked on a ranch for the next 8 years. In 1967, the Stephens family moved to Washington, Oklahoma where they ran a dairy farm until around 1982. Even into their later years they continued to have stock cattle and baby calves. Inez and Don farmed and ranched side by side, every day for nearly 64 years. Inez was a strong and determined farm wife. She demonstrated these qualities through her impressive work ethic; she could outwork most men!

Inez was truly a beautiful woman, inside and out. She had many talents and hobbies. She enjoyed crafting, crocheting, leatherwork, sewing, cake decorating, shopping, jigsaw puzzles, and working in her flower beds. Inez was also a woman of great faith, and she would proudly profess it to anyone and everyone. Inez loved attending church at Iron Chapel, where she not only served as the church secretary for several years but she also taught vacation bible school. In her later years, she was a faithful member of the Lexington Freewill Baptist Church. Inez will be remembered for her beautiful smile, her

beautiful singing voice, and for always being a gracious host for family holidays, cookouts, and church meals. She will be dearly missed!

She was preceded in death by: her loving husband, Don Stephens; her parents, Alvin and Mildred Qualls; sisters, Norma (Qualls) Stephens, Mary Ann Qualls, and infant sister; brother-in-law, Curtis Dale Stephens.

Inez is survived by: her son, Gary Don Stephens and wife Mary of Washington; daughter, Donna Kay Reed and husband Richard of Washington; brothers, Richard Qualls and wife Sandi of Wister, Wesley Qualls and wife Vicky of Lexington; aunt Carolyn and uncle Jack Vaughn of Washington; 5 grandchildren, Kayla Murphy and Mike Newman of Washington, JR Auwen and wife Kay of Lexington, Marisa Shea of Oklahoma City, Heather Kenworthy and husband Kyle of Texas, Hali Burroughs and husband Brian of Texas; 7 great-grandchildren, several nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of other family and friends.

Funeral Services are scheduled for 2:00 P.M. Monday, June 3, 2024 at Little's Chapel. Burial will follow at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell. www.wilsonlittle.com

Tribute Wall

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“ *What a precious, lovely Christian Inez was!! I just loved to listen to her and Don sing. I use many of her wonderful recipes in the Iron Chapel Free Will Baptist Cookbook. Prayers to the family in the loss of this great saint.*

Phyllis Clagg Davis - June 04, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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“ *To Donna Reed and family: It is my condolences and prayers lifted for you and the family. May God extend His tender loving care while you mourn the loss of your loved one. May God give you the peace and comfort beyond measure in the days, months, and years to come. It is in the mighty name of Jesus that I pray for you all. Pastor David Burgess & Family*

Rev. David Burgess - May 31, 2024 at 12:00 AM