



Lenora Irene McCalip

March 30, 1936 - January 11, 2026

Lenora Willcox-McCalip born March 30, 1936 in Norman, Ok Cleveland County born on Austin Ranch on 180th passed from this life on January 11, 2026 while living on the homestead that her grandparents WM Thomas and Ellen P (McCraw) Willcox homesteaded. This was a great source of pride to Lenora. She was the only daughter born to Marvin Jeffrey and Myrtle (White) Willcox. She attended Cleveland County Rural Schools where she was also a member of 4H. In June of 1954, she graduated with the first class at Norman High School. While attending Norman High School, she was a proud member of Local Future Homemakers of America and Future Nurses of America. In later years, she was a member of Perky 20's Extension Club after retirement, served as 4 H leader for 4 Leaf Clover 4H club and quilter's club. Mrs. McCalip was an active member of Etowah Baptist Church and the Rural School Round Up Committee serving as secretary for several years. In Etowah Baptist Church she served as a Sunday School Teacher, VBS craft director, church bus monitor for Norman and also drove the bus. She was in charge of planning fellowship meals, decorating the sanctuary and fellowship hall for holidays and special events, assisting with the charity pharmacy and bread ministry. She absolutely loved her church and church family. She sent cards weekly to absent or ill members and was known as the "encourager/planner".

Soon after high school graduation, she became employed with a local judge,

then an insurance agent. In October 1954, she became employed with the USDA-ASCS office in Norman, where she worked for 7 years. She managed the local county commodity office before becoming employed with DHS from which she retired on March 31, 1993.

In 1960, She married Norman McCalip in their home at 960 Nebraska in Norman, OK. Together they had two children, Terri and Jonathan. The couple was happily married for 63 years before the passing of Norman.

Lenora had many hobbies. She loved decorating, going to garage and antique sales, traveling, sewing, ceramics, flower arranging and working in vegetable and flower gardens. She enjoyed making jellies for friends and family. She treasured going to craft shows with "The Festive Four" (daughter Terri Baxter, special friend Terri Murphy Pilkington and sister-in-law Lana McCalip). She looked forward to having parties, showers and dinners for her family and friends.

Lenora is preceded in death by her husband, Norman McCalip; her brothers; and her parents, Marvin and Myrtle Willcox.

She is survived by her daughter, Terri Baxter and husband Justin; her son Jonathan Canfield and wife Sierra; her grandsons, Jason Baxter and wife Lucresha and Joshua Baxter and wife Jenna; great grandchildren Jaycee Carter and husband Matthew, Brody, Peyton Baxter, Bryntlee and June Canfield, sisters in law, Karen McCalip and Lana McCalip, as well as, numerous nieces and nephews.

Cemetery Details

Mars Hill Cemetery

29970 Mars Hill Rd
Macomb, OK 74852

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wilson-Little ~ Purcell
127 S. Canadian
Purcell, OK 73080
(405) 527-6543

Funeral Service

JAN 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

RP

“ I miss Lenora so much. I worked with her and Norman putting up siding. They were both a joy to be around. They had cousins reunion and my mother and family always looked forward to going. I kept calling her for the last six months with no reply. Later I found out she wasn't getting reception much! That made me feel better. She'd always answer me in the past. She was a sweetheart and I miss her dearly. She was the best of the best. we loved her so much!

Ruthie Powers - February 25 at 05:44 AM

EH

“ For some reason I was shocked to hear of Lenora's passing. You never want the good ones to go. I know we all have to go at one point or another but Lenora & Norman were loved. Lenora worked side-by-side with my mother (Janet) at DHS for many years. When I would go to their job, Lenora was always so kind & I looked forward to seeing her. When my mother and I would go to their house, I would always have fun. Norman would always try to make me laugh & Lenora would roll her eyes and giggle. Up until a few years ago, on occasion, they would still come to my parents house for visits and I would stop by to say "Hi". My mother still talks about Lenora & Norman to this day. Lenora was a blessing. The Hogue Family (Janet, Darrell, Lisa & Erica)

Erica Hogue - January 15 at 08:09 AM

CW

“ We are saddened to hear of Lenora’s passing. When we went to see our grand daughter’s family, (Sierra &Jon) , we were blessed with a great family style meal in her home. It was the best. A couple times and a Shower for Her grandchild June. She was so sweet and giving. Feel blessed to have known her. She was a very strong women. Rest in Peace. Tim & Carrol Wisinger

Carrol wisinger - January 13 at 02:23 PM

TP

I will so miss going to lunch and the thrift store with Lenora when we visit . She is a great lady and we will miss her terribly. So welcoming to us and our family when we would come to Oklahoma. We love you Lenora. Hugs of comfort to all her friends and family. Love Mickey and Trisha Parr

Trisha Parr - January 14 at 04:42 PM

MS

My aunt Norie was the last of the Willcox clan! She was so loving, so giving and so fun to be around!

Since we lived in Oregon our visits weren’t as often as we would have liked!!

Her death lives a huge hole in our hearts☐☐

Mary jo WillcoxSmith

Mary Jo Smith - January 14 at 05:05 PM