



Linnie Mae Smith

June 3, 1931 - July 29, 2024

Linnie Mae Smith age 93 formerly of Purcell, passed away in Shawnee, OK on July 29, 2024. Linnie Mae Fuson was born to Thomas Fuson and Agnes Fuson (Folsom) on June 3, 1931 in Tishomingo, OK. Growing up, she attended the Carter Seminary Indian Boarding School in Ardmore, and then graduated from Chilocco Indian Ag School in Newkirk. Linnie met a young service man named Kenneth “Don” Smith, they quickly fell in love and were married on July 24, 1953 in Pauls Valley. The young couple made their home in Purcell where they raised their children. Linnie was a devoted wife and mother who dedicated her time to making a home full of love and warmth for her family. She was known for her great sense of humor and optimism. She was no stranger to hard times and overcame many challenges in life, but always acknowledged God’s helping hand by telling everyone “I’m blessed”. Linnie enjoyed the holidays and always looked forward to family Halloween parties. She was a gifted seamstress, gardener, and cook, known for her homemade fried chicken. Linnie was also an avid football fan, and loved chasing her kids and grandkids to their activities. She was a beloved wife, mother, and granny who always saw the good in everyone and will be dearly missed.

Linnie was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Agnes Fuson, her husband of 56 years, Kenneth “Don” Smith, and her son, Donald Lynn Smith. Her siblings Lenora Hobbs, Agnes Marie Fuson Hobbs, Annabelle King,

Martha Rose Morehead, Gus Fuson, Virgil "Tish" Fuson, an infant brother, and her great grandson Case Houston Smith.

She is survived by her children Cindy Lantz and husband Alan of Shawnee, Kenny Smith and wife Robin of Blanchard, and Jason Smith and wife Tina of Purcell. Her siblings Ed Fuson and wife Reta of Tishomingo, Tommie Bettis of Durant, Athena Rath of Norman, and Sue Allen and husband Ed of Stonewall. Her grandchildren Melissa Lantz, Adam Lantz, Madison Smith, Carson Smith and wife Caitlin, Conner Smith, step-grandchildren Schyler Yeargin, Kenley Yeargin, and Ashton Yeargin. She also leaves behind great grandchild Caidan Houston Smith, and step-great grandchild Zoe Yeargin.

Funeral services are scheduled for 11:00 am Friday August 2, 2024 at Sunray Baptist Church in Purcell, with burial to follow at Hillside Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery

HWY 39 West
Purcell, OK 73080

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sunray Baptist Church
2223 N. Ninth Ave.
Purcell, OK 73080

Tribute Wall

MA

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Mrs. Smith's passing. She was a sweet lady that I remember well as a young boy. My condolences to the family.*

Mel Adair

Mel Adair - August 04, 2024 at 03:20 PM

SC

“ *Aunt Linnie was such a wonderful person. We didn't get to see her much but when we did it was always a good time filled with lots of love and laughter. We are so proud to be part of her story. She lived a beautiful life of service to the Lord and her family. We celebrate her life and send our deepest condolences to all the ones who loved her. May she rest in peace in the sweet presence of our Lord! Well done good and faithful servant! Amen*

From the Gus and Mary Katherine Fuson Family

Sally Casper - August 01, 2024 at 10:26 PM

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Cindy Lantz - August 01, 2024 at 03:04 PM

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“ Rest in peace, Mom. We miss you so much already. 💕💕



Cindy Lantz - August 01, 2024 at 02:45 PM

DC

“ Linnie was such a great person. I graduated from high school with her son Donald and was in school when Cindy was as well. I remember many years ago Linnie struggling with her diabetes and set out on a journey to walk many miles a day essentially winning her battle with weight loss and insulin dependency. I just had such a great admiration for her and a deep respect for her family. Linnie, may you rest in peace dear friend!!!

Dale Chambers - July 30, 2024 at 07:05 PM

DC

*From the time we first met her, we knew she was a special little lady. Whenever Cindy and Alan had their Halloween get togethers, I always enjoyed visiting with her. She was a joy to be around, always upbeat and had a great sense of humor. I'm sure she's been welcomed into heaven with open arms and reunited with family that passed on before her. Our lives are richer, having known her.
Bill and Debbie Campbell*

Debbie Campbell - August 01, 2024 at 11:03 PM