



Lorene Henderson

April 17, 1931 - September 8, 2024

Lorene Frances (Chapman) Henderson, age 93, of Purcell, passed away Sunday, September 8, 2024. Lorene was born April 17, 1931 in Osawatomie, Kansas, the youngest of 2 daughters born to Frank and Georgia (Dapking) Chapman. Lorene grew up during "The Great Depression". When she was 11 months old her mother passed away, times were hard so both her and her sister moved to live with their grandparents.

Through a mutual friend, Lorene was introduced to Grady Henderson, who was away serving his country. The two began writing letter back and forth to each other. After a few letters, the young couple met in Elmore while Grady was on furlough for the holidays. It was love at first sight, and Lorene married Grady on December 23, 1947, in Oklahoma City. They made their first home in OKC and spent some time in Tulsa before settling in Purcell in 1951.

Together they raised their only son, Mike. The couple was happily married for 72 years before the passing of Grady in February of 2020.

Lorene worked for Rubeun Schwarts and Dorsett Electronic before Lorene and Grady opened their own business. The couple owned and operated Modern Radio and TV on Main Street in Purcell for over 23 years. Lorene's whole life was devoted to her family. She cherished spending time with Grady and missed him immensely after his passing. Lorene was a woman of faith and a longtime, faithful member of First Christian Church of Purcell. She was a wonderful wife and mother, grandmother and great grandmother, sister, and a great friend. She will be dearly missed.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Grady Henderson; her parents, Frank and Georgia Chapman; her granddaughter, Jaime Henderson; her sister Gloria Churchwill; and her nephew, Harold Boston.

Lorene is survived by her son, Mike Henderson of Purcell; her great granddaughter Zoè Adam of Edmond and a host of friends.

Funeral Services are scheduled for 10:00 A.M. Thursday, September 12, 2024 at Little's Chapel, Wilson-Little Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Hillside Cemetery. Send online condolences @www.wilsonlittle.com

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery

HWY 39 West
Purcell, OK 73080

Previous Events

Funeral Service

SEP **12**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Visitation will be from 9am -7pm Wednesday

Tribute Wall

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“ Mike and family...I've been out of country and unaware of Lorene's passing until I caught up with my newspapers. She was an amazing person and it was my honor to have worshipped and worked with her while I was part of FCC Purcell. She was always supportive of my ministry and devoted to serving God. She was so very proud of you all. My prayers are for your peace and comfort from this time forward. Blessings and Grace, Elaine Howsley.

Elaine Howsley - September 18, 2024 at 01:48 PM

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“ I served on the Hillside Cemetery Advisory Board with Lorene. We worked together to recommend improvements for the cemetery to the Purcell City Council. Together, we achieved getting trees planted, roads paved and studies of rates and fees presented to the Council for approval. Lorene was always a pleasure to be with and her pleasant personality was uplifting to everyone. May she rest in peace as she will be fondly remembered.

Dale Chambers - September 16, 2024 at 07:48 PM

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“ My mom, Hazel Pollard, and Lorene were best of friends and I have many fond memories of my time with Lorene in her home, our home, the store and via church. I remember her contagious and infectious laughter, broad and genuine smile with bright lipstick, and her perfectly coiffed hair. When there was a bereaved family, Lorene and my mom would meet at our home (because we had two separate phone number lines). I remember my mom on the kitchen phone and Lorene on the phone in a bedroom each calling and asking fellow church members to bring food for the family. They would keep one another updated as they got the roast, potato salad, pies, cakes, and more checked off the list. I also enjoyed time in your home when my mom and I would drop in for a visit. And at least a few times, I had solo visits with Lorene while my mom kept another commitment. Your mom was willing and eager to play whatever game or activity I wanted. I remember sitting at the table with her to play cards or board games and I especially liked when she would play sick and lie on the bed so that I could be her doctor and render medical services (a washcloth on her forehead and checking her temperature). She was very bad at playing sick and we mostly just laughed!

I hope this brings a smile to you and the family. She still makes me smile. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Susan Pollard Camp

Susan Pollard Camp - September 11, 2024 at 01:16 PM