



Ruby Cardinal

March 5, 1934 - July 31, 2023

Ruby Cardinal, age 89, of Lexington passed away on July 31, 2023. Ruby Delores Elliot was born on March 5, 1934 in Manteca, California, the oldest of three daughters born to James Elliot and Ida (Pimentel) Elliot. She was raised in Manteca and attended Manteca Public Schools, where she met a young man named, Leo Phillip Cardinal Jr. As the story goes, he copied off of her paper in class one day, and the rest as they say is history. The two quickly fell in love and were married on January 27, 1952. Leo and Ruby began their life together, and raised three sons, Leo, James, and Kyle. In 1973, the Cardinal family made the move from California to a small acreage near Lexington, Oklahoma. Ruby was employed as a preschool teacher at Golden Rule Child Care in Noble for several years. She truly enjoyed spending time with the kids and shaping young minds. Ruby had a loving spirit and was a mother to all. She was also spirited and very opinionated, you never had to wonder what she was thinking. During her free time, she enjoyed reading a good romance novel or tending to her flower beds. She loved to travel, and would go anywhere and everywhere she could. She looked forward to holidays and decorating accordingly. There was not a single holiday that she didn't decorate for. She was also known for her famously delicious enchiladas and chopped suey. More than anything, Ruby was a family woman. She loved spending time with her family, and she truly cherished every moment with them. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and a true friend. She will be dearly missed!

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Leo Cardinal Jr.; parents, James and Ida Elliot; son, James Cardinal; sisters, Ada Reynolds and Nadine Cimoli, and granddaughter, Sherry Aresco.

Ruby is survived by: her sons, Kyle Cardinal of Lexington and Leo Cardinal (Janet) of Rosedale; 3 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews, and a host of other family and friends.

Graveside Services are scheduled for 10:00 A.M. Friday, August 4, 2023 at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell. www.wilsonlittle.com

Tribute Wall

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“ Miss Ruby taught my daughter, Serena, preschool in Purcell. She was wonderful and so enthusiastic. She inspired her and she achieved high grades throughout school. She is continuing to achieve and Miss Ruby would be so proud of her. I enjoyed Miss Ruby as well. I'm sorry to learn of her passing. Debbie

Debbie Williams - August 14, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our condolences and prayers for the entire family!

Burse & Cheryl Dills - August 02, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am sorry to read about Ruby's passing. The family is in my thoughts during this time.



Tammy Butler - August 01, 2023 at 12:00 AM