



Arlene Marian James

June 11, 1922 - April 30, 2017

Arlene Marian Miller James was born June 11, 1923 to James Knox & Verna Mae (Shupe) Miller in Loveland, CO. After living in Pueblo, CO for a short time, the Millers moved to the 101 Ranch near Ponca City, OK then lived in Ponca City before moving to Sulphur, OK in October of 1937. She graduated from Sulphur High School in 1941. Arlene was a member of Calvary Baptist Church for over 79 years and sang in the choir for 72 years. She taught Sunday School, taught VBS, was in the Women's Circle, and WMU. She met her husband and the father of her four children at Calvary Baptist. She and Collie Fitch James were married on June 11, 1941. He preceded her in death January 9, 1993. On January 14, 1995, she married Granville Forson, whom she also met at Calvary Baptist, He preceded her in death on June 16, 1997. Arlene also sang in the SASO choir for several years. Arlene loved her church, and she loved the Lord with all her heart.

It is said that the dates on a tombstone give the birth year and the year of death, but the dash in-between represents the life of the person. There are no words to describe the unselfish life that Arlene lived during that dash. She is known for her smile, her laughter, her hugs, and her loving attitude. These are some of her many God-given gifts. She never met anyone whom she didn't love and who didn't love her. She had the forgiving heart of Christ and never held a grudge. She was a blessing to everyone who had the privilege of knowing and loving her.

Arlene was a loving and devoted housewife for almost 52 years. After Collie

left for war, Arlene was the first woman to work in the Sulphur Post Office. She also lived in Oklahoma City and worked at a bank, during the war years. After the children were in school she taught herself to decorate cakes. For many Sulphur residents, she baked birthday cakes, wedding cakes and petit fours (all from scratch) and would design the cake in any shape the customer wanted, Sputnik, ball and bat, princess telephone, etc. Her children believed the reason she had four kids was to have someone in-house to help transfer layers of wedding cake from the house to the wedding venue. Arlene loved decorating cakes. In the 1980's Arlene went to real estate school. She worked as a real estate agent for Century 21 in Sulphur several years. She was the mentor of Christian living, the glue that kept the family together, and their rock. Arlene loved her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren beyond measure

Arlene was preceded in death by her parents, a sister Norma Jean Miller brother: Vernon Knox Miller. a granddaughter: Lauren Katherine James and great granddaughter: Madeleine Reese James.

Survived by her Daughters: Rebecca Jo Jackson, of Tullahoma, TN

Mary Kay McIlyar, of Dallas, TX

Sons & Daughters-in-law Collie Fitch James & Katherine of San Clemente, CA

Ronald David James & Linda of Okla. City, OK

7 Grandchildren & spouses: Collie Fitch James IV & Monica,

Sarah James Dorr & Dustin, Laura James Kirkpatrick & Austin,

Kevin James Jackson & Mary, Katie Lynn Jackson, Emily James McIlyar, and

Bonnie Katherine McIlyar,

8 Great Grandchildren: Collie Fitch James V, Beckett David James,

Anders Smith Dorr, Malou Olivia Dorr, Samis Knox Kirkpatrick,

Sylvie James Kirkpatrick, Noah James Jackson, Caleb Lee Jackson,

Sister: Joyce Mae Miller nieces & nephews.

Pallbearers will be Collie James III, Ron James, Dustin Dorr, Austin

Kirkpatrick, Collie James IV, Kevin Jackson, Marcel Martin, and Gary Ashford.
Services will be Friday May 5, 2017 at 10:00AM at Calvary Baptist Church
with Rev. James Swain and Rev. Tom Hefley officiating.

with interment in Oaklawn Cemetery under the direction of DeArman Funeral
Home of Sulphur.

Family visitation will be Thursday 4:00pm to :7:00pm at DeArman Funeral
Home.

Online condolences may be sent to www.dearmanfuneralhome.com

Memorials may be made in Arlene,' memory to Cross Timbers Hospice.
(www.crosstimbershospice.org) a non-profit hospice service.

Tribute Wall



“ *Arlene Marian James*

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“ *Mrs. James was a delightful lady. I fondly remember her smiles and laughter, and especially her love for her family.*

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