



Audrey Athaleen Ellis

November 23, 1924 - September 11, 2016

Audrey Ellis, a resident of Wynnewood, was born November 23, 1924 to Oliver Bee Huffines and Ruth Ola Benthol Huffines near Joy, Oklahoma. She died on September 11, 2016 at her home at the age of 91.

Audrey lived throughout central and southern Oklahoma during her childhood and teenage years, before meeting the love of her life, James Clifford Ellis, near Wynnewood. The couple were wed there on June 8, 1940 and remained together until his death in 1972. The couple were blessed with four children, which eventually led to ten grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren with two more on the way at the time of her passing.

Always community minded, Audrey volunteered at the schools, was active in the local PTA and taught swimming lessons. It was during this time that she became enamored with gardening and was the youngest member inducted into the Wynnewood Garden Club. She stayed with the club, eventually becoming its oldest living member until it was disbanded in the late 1990s. She continued to garden as she re-entered the workforce in 1976 and helped to raise two of her grandchildren.

She worked for the City of Wynnewood before eventually serving as Manager of the Wynnewood Housing Authority for seventeen years, finally retiring in 1995.

She never retired from the hard, tedious work of gardening, however, and tended her own beautiful blossoms right up until the day of her death. She

became known as Wynnewood's flower lady, ever to be found dirty, though happy, seated in a flower bed with a floppy hat tending to her latest creations. When asked, she often said it was her way of making the world around her a little more beautiful each day. She was also generous with her greenery, enthusiastically welcoming dozens of others into the hobby and spreading cuttings and seedlings from her yard all over Wynnewood, the surrounding communities, and even points across the United States.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Orris Huffines of Oklahoma City, her husband, one daughter, Wanda Leach of Choctaw, and one granddaughter, Brandy Kile of Norman.

She is survived by her son, James Duane and wife Laury Ellis of Portland, Oregon, daughter Peggy Smith of Aloha, Oregon, daughter Vicki and husband Kenneth Leach of Gulfport, Mississippi, as well as grand children Kathryn Williams of Oklahoma City, Michelle and husband Stan Smith of Edmond, Sharon and husband Jim Weir of Tuttle, Scott Robertson of Gulfport, Mississippi, Michael Robertson of Mariana, Florida, Jennifer and husband Kelly Osburn of Pace, Florida, Todd Ellis of Portland, Oregon, Lisa Ellis of University Heights, Ohio and Shannon Kile of Wynnewood.

Services for Audrey were held Friday at 10:00 AM September 16, 2016 in the Wynnewood First Baptist Church under the direction of DeArman Funeral Home. Visitation was held on Thursday September 15, 2016 from 5 to 7 PM at DeArman Funeral Home in Wynnewood, OK. Burial followed in Oaklawn Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

DeArman Funeral Home- Wynnewood
103 E Cherokee St
Wynnewood, OK 73098
(405) 665-4554
<https://www.dearmanfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ Audrey Athaleen Ellis

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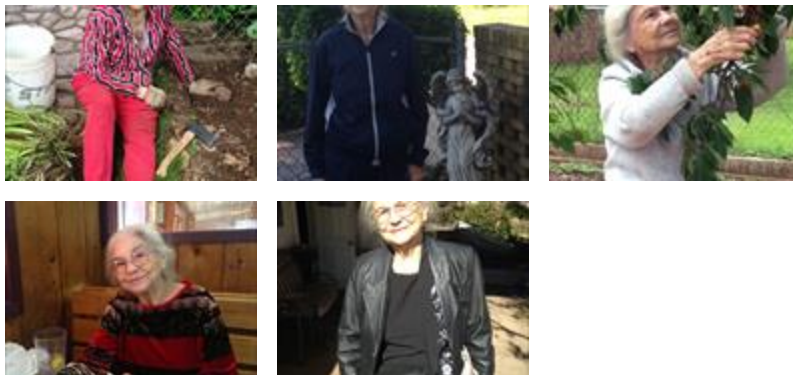


“ I met your mother (grandmother) through my mother, Dovie Smith. She use to visit Audrey and I'm guessing she visited my mother too in Pauls Valley. They had a kinship for their love of flowers and working in their yard. After my mother moved to an assistant living place here in Tahlequah to be near me, we went back to Pauls Valley to visit some of her long time friends. We stopped at Wynnewood and went to Audrey's house. They had the best time talking about flowers and Audrey was kind enough to give me a start of Big Bird, a large yellow daylily. It still grows in my back yard flower bed and I love it! I always think about Audrey's kindness of giving me Big Bird. She was a jewel of a lady!
Peggy (Smith) Rice

Peggy Rice - January 21, 2017 at 10:08 PM



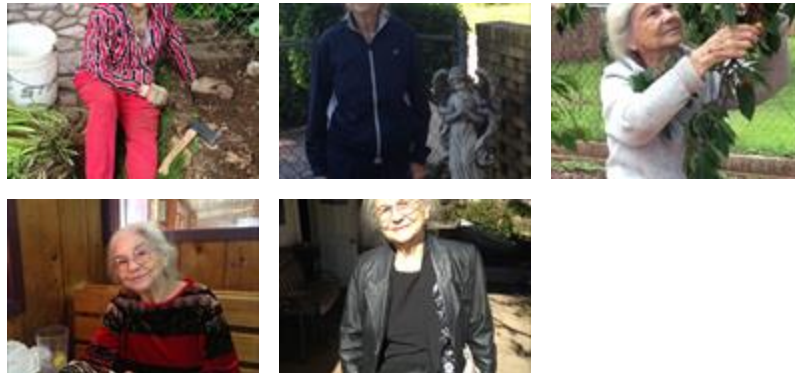
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Shannon Kile - September 28, 2016 at 09:39 PM

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Shannon Kile - September 28, 2016 at 09:20 PM

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“ Audrey Ellis was truly a great lady. She will be missed by all those in her Gleaners' Sunday School class at First Baptist Church in Wynnewood.

Audrey came early for class, dressed in colorful dresses just like the beautiful garden she so carefully tended.

She liked to come early and visit with church members. Audrey could tell many stories of her early childhood and more likely than not get us all laughing.

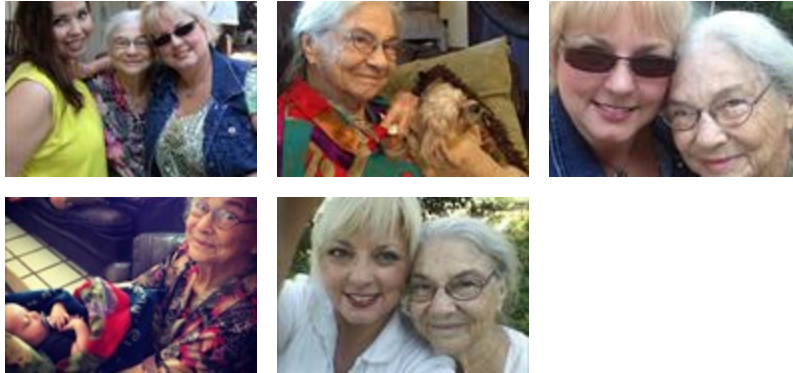
Audrey spoke highly of her grandson, Shannon and how he cared for her .

*With love,
Marjorie Chandler*

Marjorie Chandler - September 15, 2016 at 05:48 PM

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kathy lovell - September 15, 2016 at 12:44 PM

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“ Thank you for teaching us to see the beauty in life and appreciate adventure and youth . We love you and you will live in our hearts until the day we are united.

kathy lovell - September 15, 2016 at 12:42 PM

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kathy lovell - September 15, 2016 at 12:38 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Audrey Athaleen Ellis.



September 15, 2016 at 10:53 AM



“ Many great memories . You are one of a kind. I remember our monthly shopping trips ... I'll never forget having to take you to the Biker store to get your thigh high black boots that you wore to church. I've never seen anyone fall in a mud hole and recover so quickly..I loved our outings to Arbuckle Wilderness where you snuck huge buckets of feed in!!! We had lots of happy animals.. Lol.. I never told you this but when we were sleeping one night I accidentally punched you in the face when I was sleeping. I tried to pretend I was asleep when you started flailing around trying to figure out what happened😂😂😂😂😂😂😂😂😂😂. The poor guy who called a prank on you in the middle of the night.. You sat straight up and said" I blew the whistle in his ear". I think the whole household had figured that out.. Lol. And..... I don't think he ever called back... Papa and you always gave us a buck when candy was a penny. We kids were in heaven unlike the time you bought bags of caramel on sale and we ate a bag a day when we were taking our afternoon nap. Ahhhh Meme... I used to sit on the swing and think Papa was coming home. I would smell his refinery hat and we all so missed him. Your home now. No suffering... No pain. Your home.. Tell them hi for us and we love them. I asked you to stop by and say goodbye when you left. I didn't see you but I did see a beautiful white butterfly in my flowerbed.. I love you

kathy lovell - September 14, 2016 at 11:52 PM

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“ *Bill and Linda Owens, Deanna Prescott, Cheree Owens, and Tammie Spicer purchased the Red & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Audrey Athaleen Ellis.*



Bill and Linda Owens, Deanna Prescott, Cheree Owens, and Tammie Spicer - September 14, 2016 at 11:53 AM

LS

“ *I loved you as though you were my "MeMe". You were always kind and caring. You were a very special lady! I will miss you Everyday! Love you Lisa Shaw*



Lisa Shaw - September 13, 2016 at 11:14 PM