



## Elizabeth Keys

August 6, 1917 - February 17, 2013

### Elizabeth King Keys

On February 17, 2013 Elizabeth King Keys was called home to rejoice with Jesus and a host of her other loved ones. "Nana", as most of her family called her, was born August 6, 1917 to Vick and Blanche King of Wann, OK, the third of ten children. She played basketball on a dirt court for Wann High School making the all-state basketball team and Valedictorian of her 1936 class! She married her sweetheart, Maurice Skidmore Keys, in 1937 and eventually had four wonderful children.

Elizabeth's career path began at Commerce Printing Company in Bartlesville moving on to Leonard Printing Company where monthly Phillips 66 magazines were printed. She later worked at Myers Flower Farm (currently Hains Greenhouse) before she became the proud owner of the "Osage Lunch" café downtown after the war. She fed many college students, businessmen, a "D" league baseball team, and Phillips 66 pilots amongst other hungry customers! She sold the café to have her youngest son, worked for Cities Service for 10 years, finishing her career path as a Customer Service Representative at Reda Pump where she developed fond, lasting relationships with her cohorts. Elizabeth and her husband purchased a farm in Ochelata and raised cattle. After retiring in 1985, Elizabeth often substitute taught at Caney Valley Elementary School and worked as a volunteer at the polls on Election Days, for blood drives, and for the Salvation Army. Her favorite activities included watching football and basketball games on TV, playing SkipBo with her sisters

and Bunco with other family members. Throughout her rich, memorable life, she was an active member of Ochelata Methodist Church and later of Grace-Epworth Methodist Church in Bartlesville.

Mostly Elizabeth is remembered for helping others-with small gifts of cash, meals, cleaning, home visits, cards, and “taking old people to the doctor’s” (when she was 10 years older than they!) Her gifts of mercy and kindness were numerous and quietly given to whomever was in need at the time.

Elizabeth was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Maurice Keys on January 10, 1990, her parents, four brothers, Clyde King, Jack King, Wayne King and Jerry King, one sister, Doris Thompson, and a grandson, Jayson Clayton Keys.

Survivors include two sons, Clayton Keys and wife Dorothy Kay of Ochelata and Jay Lynn Keys and wife Kimi of Riverton, Wyoming, two daughters, Carol King Kellenberger and husband Keith of Plano, Texas and Lois Bass of Bartlesville, two brothers, Junior King and Ted King both of Lenepah, OK, two sisters, Grace Hendrickson of Bartlesville and Claudine Bailey of Wann, five grandchildren, Barry Smith, Kenneth Kellenberger, Brenda Snook, Kelsey Keys and Kati Keys, eleven great grandchildren, Abbey, Hallie, Jordan, Anna, Andrew, Gabriel, Grace, Lauren, John III, Molly, and C.J. , 44 nieces and nephews, many other family members and a host of friends.

Memorial services for “Nana” will be held at 2 P.M. on Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at the Bartlesville Southern Baptist Church with Dr. John Snook officiating. Interment will be in the Memorial Park Cemetery directed by the Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory.

Casket escorts will include Tommy King, Lynn Bailey, Jerry Allen King, Kelsey Keys, John Snook III, Skip Jones, Jimmy Ted King and David Bailey. Honorary casket escorts will include Barry Smith, Kenneth Kellenberger, John Snook II and Matt Fugate.

The Keys family will receive guests for visitation at the Stumpff Funeral Home on Tuesday evening from 5:30 P.M. until 7:30 P.M.

In lieu of flowers, friends and family may donate to the Ochelata United Methodist Church, 100 N. Leblanc Street, Ochelata, Oklahoma 74051 or to the Grace-Epworth United Methodist Church, 706 East Third Street, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, 74003

Friends who wish may call for visitation at the Stumpff Funeral Home until 11:30 A.M. on Friday as the casket will remain closed at the services.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Elizabeth Keys*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Elizabeth Keys*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Aunt Elizabeth was a very special person who loved her family dearly. Her legacy lives on through many. She will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all as you journey through this difficult time.*

*Love and prayers, Carol Tupy*

**Carol Tupy** - February 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry I can't be there tomorrow, atleast I got to spend the weekend up there.*

*Loved Aunt Elizabeth. I'll be thinking about all of you tomorrow.*

**Suzanne Hendrickson** - February 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lois and Family - I was so sorry to hear of your mother's death. My prayers and thoughts are with you.*

**Jane Call** - February 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ sorry for the lose of a wonderful woman .our hearts are saddened for those left behind.wish we could be there to visit with everyone.  
connie, mom

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**Connie Rhea [King] Collier and mother Daisy[Taggart] Hodges** - February 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ I remember when I graduated from High School and Elizabeth and Maurice sent me my graduation money. I was so thankful and thought they were so generous to me. I will never forget that.

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**Audre Davis** - February 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ So sorry to hear of Elizabeth's passing our deepest sympathies.  
Love, Emily & Virginia King (Cousin in FL.)

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**Emily and Virginia King** - February 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I'm so sorry I won't be able to honor Elizabeth by being at her Service tomorrow, but I have a prior obligation. I wanted to take this opportunity to tell all of you that I was very fond of Elizabeth. She was such a sweet, talented and lovely lady. I know she is going to be greatly missed and my love and sympathy to all of you.

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**Kathy King Seigel** - February 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Not sure how to start this. I know your family is close and love each one dearly. Praying for Comfort and Peace to fill the empty hearts.  
Hugs to all. Love Angie

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**Angie Carter** - February 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ Evelyn Koth has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.

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**Evelyn Koth** - February 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

*But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve, as do the rest who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, and remain until the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.*

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**Kenneth Kellenberger** - February 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM