



ELLEN ELIZABETH ORTNER

May 29, 1917 - June 15, 2017

Ellen Elizabeth Ortner, known to most of her friends and family as Shirl Ortner or Aunt Shirl,

passed away peacefully at her home in Bartlesville on June 15 at 10:15pm at the age of 100 years

and 17 days. Services and interment are under the direction of Stumpff Funeral home in

Bartlesville and will be held on Thursday, June 22 at 10:00 a.m.

Shirl was a native Oklahoman, born on May 29, 1917 in Braman, OK to Perry and Luella Purdum -

- the third child of 8. In 1920, Shirl's family moved to a small farm on the southwest edge of

Dewey, and she attended Dewey School. She remembered walking from home to attend church at

First Christian Church in Dewey (about a 1 ½ mile walk). At age 15 she moved to California to

help take care of her maternal grandmother and graduated high school there.

Shirl attended college in Kansas, then moved to Texas for a short time during WWII. After

the war, Shirl moved back to California. She worked as an administrative assistant for

General Dynamics and retired as a loan officer for Pomona Bank.

In 1966, Shirl married Gene Ortner of Pomona, CA and remained in the

Pomona area until the early 90's when they moved back to Oklahoma to be closer to their families. She and Gene divorced in the late 90's, and Shirl made residence in her final home in Bartlesville until her death.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her 5 brothers and a sister -- Jess Purdum of Ponca City, Les Purdum of Dewey, Marion Purdum of Copan, Eva Hixson of Bartlesville, Robert Purdum of Lawton, and Cal Purdum of Dewey. She is survived by her youngest sibling, Ruby Kathleen Smith of Stillwater and numerous nieces and nephews.

Shirl was a great artist, who loved to oil paint and was a member of the Bartlesville Artists Association.

In 2003, they selected her to be Artist of the Month.

Shirl was a naturally happy person and was known for her great sense of humor. She had a genuine interest in the person sitting and talking with her. Her nickname "Shirl" came from her love of Shirley Temple. You can still smile with her when you see her epitaph, which reads "Return to Sender" in Memorial Park Cemetery in Bartlesville, OK.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

4200 Nowata Rd
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home Chapel
1600 SE Washington Blvd
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-4300
<http://www.Stumpff.org>

Tribute Wall



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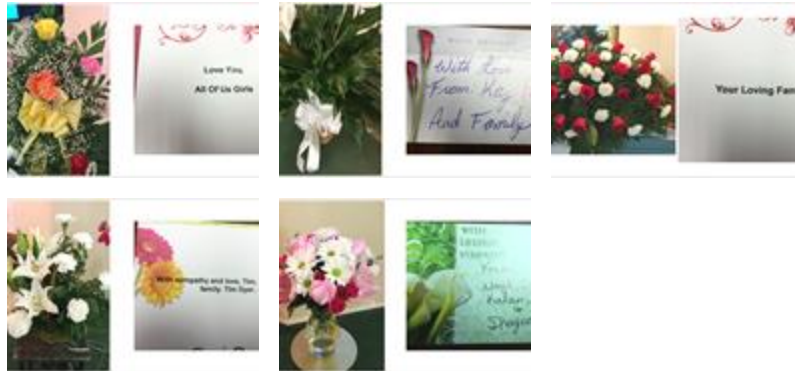


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“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of ELLEN ELIZABETH ORTNER.*



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