



# Wavel Ashbaugh

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**W**avel Louisa Therese Davis Ashbaugh (July 8, 1910-March 11, 2019) Our 5th generation matriarch is now dancing in Heaven, ending her extraordinary 108 years on earth. Born and raised in Tulsa, OK, Wavel lived most of her adult life in Encino, Ca and moved back to Tulsa to be near family in 2015. Enrolled as a Muscogee (Creek) Citizen, Wavel was a descendant of the Tulsa Perryman family and some of their genes for longevity were passed on to her. She was the grand-daughter of Clarissa Hodge Perryman Richards (lived until she was 93) and Tulsa pioneer rancher Lewis Wesley Perryman (lived until he was 94). They owned a 160-acre allotment (near Hillcrest Hospital to 14th street) in Tulsa, OK. Due to the contributions the Perryman's made to the early history of Tulsa, Wavel has always been disappointed at the lack of attention the Perryman Ancestors received in modern times-no parks, streets highways or buildings have been named after the Perryman family. Wavel grew up on her mother's allotment along "Oil Road" which in current day is bounded by 11th and 15th Streets and Delaware and Lewis Avenues. Her parents divorced when she was 8 and she helped her mother raise her children. Addie only had a fourth-grade education and when Wavel was 11 she told her mother she would take care of everyone. Some of her fondest memories were of growing up the eldest of her two siblings and later going to dances with her brother and sister. Preceded in death by her Mother, Emma Adeline "Addie" (Perryman) Davis Buck (who lived until she was 92) and father, Oliver Edgar Davis, Sr. Paternal grandparents were Samuel C. Davis & Louisa Partridge, however, Oliver was raised as an orphan by "Aunt Rachel" Perryman one of the "First Ladies of Tulsa". Also preceded in death by: Infant sister Helen Arteleigh Davis Sister Leona Lucille "Boots" Davis Neely Brother Navy Commander Oliver E. Davis Jr. Wavel Attended Kendall Elementary, Tulsa, OK, one semester at Chiloco Indian School, OK and Monte Casino School for Young Ladies, Tulsa, OK. Wavel lived with the nuns during the



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school year and was in the first high school graduating class of Monte Casino (class of 2) in 1928. Nov 20, 1941 Wavel married Marvin "Ash" Ashbaugh (member of Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame). He was stationed in California during the war and they moved to California to pursue his music career, where he became successful with the Walt Disney Studios and independent jazz bands. Wavel, who had originally dreamed of being a dancer or a nun, pursued different careers -mostly as a secretary and she continued to work full-time until she was 95. Her dream of dancing was realized with her multiple trophy wins for ballroom dancing competitions. Marvin Ashbaugh passed away in 1974. Wavel also was pre-deceased by her dancing partner/love, Fernando Pitta and leaves behind her special relationship with his sons, Shawn, Scott and Steven Pitta. She was also preceded in death by Great Niece Cynthia Christensen and Nephew Sherman Oliver Bailey. Wavel leaves to cherish her memory: (in familial order) Niece Nanette Creamer Great Niece Teresa & Special Great Nephew Peter Rodriquez, Great Niece Denise Leslie, Great Niece Pam Axson Niece Linda Davis Great Niece Merry Fore, Great Niece Adrienne Fore, Great Niece Heather Cicek, Great Nephew Adam Fore Niece Olivia (Bob) Mausel Great Nephew David Mausel and Great Niece Jordana O'Connell Niece Wavel Brown Great Niece Christina, and Great Nephews Charles and Mark Milligan Nephew Oliver Davis III Great Nephew Jeff, and Great Nieces Libby and Letti Great Niece Lisa Lucille Bailey, and Great Nephews John Carl Bailey and Michael Bailey Great Niece (of Marvin Ashbaugh) Tracie Waters and family Wavel is also survived by 20 Great-Great Nieces and Nephews and 10 Great-Great-Great Nieces and Nephews. Wavel never had children of her own but at some point Wavel helped raise most of the above people; if she didn't raise them directly, they were likely raised by someone that was influenced by her. Perhaps this is why she was fond of asking people: "Do you have any nieces? If not you'd better get some...you can't live without nieces!". Additionally, Wavel leaves behind her special pals that daily helped to make her last years happy in "Wavel's World": Debbie Olson, Nanette Allen, Debbie Sims, Angel Brown, Meredith Stone and Samantha Marshall. We have been blessed to have you in this season of our lives. A heartfelt thank you to Adam Bechtold and our Forest Hills friends for your partnership in her care. Also, special thanks to the team at St. Francis Hospice



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for their support this past year. Although Wavel loved flowers, her love of dancing was even greater. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in her honor to help younger generations continue to learn to dance. Oklahoma Performing Arts (OPA), In Honor of Wavel Davis Ashbaugh, 9524 East 81st Street, Tulsa, OK 74012.

<https://www.opan2art.org/Wavel> was often quoted as attributing her age to “Being positive and just keep moving. Keep putting one foot in front of the other and dance when you can.” Ashbaugh, Wavel



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**Nanette Allen** posted:

Ms. Wavel it has been a blessing to be a part of your life. I will for always cherish "Our" special times. Even got to share some firsts. Going to the car wash will not be the same going alone. Taking the drives up to my place to see the baby goats and baby ducks. The laughs and the lessons we shared are priceless and will be cherished for sure. I am also honored to share "our" special day. July 8th. I will say something for you every year to come. I love you Ms. Wavel and I want to thank you for ALL the envaluable things you taught me. Good night sweet Angel. Good night sweehear??

March 13 at 7:33 PM

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**Nanette Allen** posted:

Forever remembered

March 13 at 7:21 PM

DM

**Denice Miller** posted:

Aunt Wavel was a very special person to many... she was so full of life! It was a pleasure to have known her. So glad I can say i knew her.

March 13 at 6:02 PM

RD

**Renea Delgado** posted:

Aunt Wavel was a person you could never forget! She was so upbeat and positive and just such a sweet person! To this day, I keep her photo at my desk at work for inspiration! She taught us all what a beautiful lady, inside and out should be! I will miss her cards, which had the most beautiful hand written notes! I got to know Aunt Wavel through a co-worker of mine, Teresa Rodriquez and I was fortunate to go to lunch with the girls when Aunt Wavel came to Phoenix, Arizona to visit Teresa. I've tried to keep in touch since she moved to Oklahoma and even though I'm far from Oklahoma, I will miss her dearly. Prayers to Teresa and her family members. I wish I could be there for Aunt Wavel's services, but I will be there in spirit and will say a special prayer on Friday for all.

March 13 at 11:40 AM



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**Therese Wavel "Traci" Waters** posted:

What a legend! She was graceful, beautiful, kind. I remember spending time with her as a child – hanging out with her and Uncle Ash. What a joy she was to be around. And being able to reconnect with her later in life, and the rest of her nieces – what a true blessing that was! Much love to all those left behind.

March 13 at 4:59 AM



**Sarah Jones** posted:

My sincere condolences to the family. Wavel was an incredible woman and will always hold a special place in my heart.

March 12 at 9:56 AM



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