



Norma Verline Coonce

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September 17, 1924

February 3, 2026

Verline Mabray Coonce was born to Lee and Della Day Mabray on Beaver Mountain in Haskell County on September 17, 1924. Norma Verline Coonce passed away peacefully at home on February 3, 2026, surrounded by her caretakers and loved ones at the incredible age of 101.

Verline was a woman of the earth. She lived in a three-room house built by her grandfather Alonzo Mabray. This modest home, shared with her grandfather, parents, at least one or two sisters and two brothers, gave a new meaning to tiny home. The family provided for their basic needs by raising crops and animals. The daughters took Verline on a road trip in October to see her childhood home. She attended a two-room school until eighth grade. The school building, built with the help of her father on a WPA project, was still standing a few years ago. She attended high school in Stigler through half of her junior year.

Verline grew-up during The Great Depression, learning and living a life of thrift. Natalie once interviewed her grandmother for a history assignment on the depression. Natalie was unsure of how to write her interview until she realized that grandma was so poor that the depression did not really impact her life.

She married Ferral Coonce, September 23, 1944, after accepting his proposal while they were drawing water from the well. Preceding her in death are Ferral Coonce, granddaughter Georgia Parker, and grandson Jody Adams. Verline was the last surviving of seven Mabray children. Verline is survived by Carol and Joe Adams of Bristow, Linda and Wayne Parker of Jenks, and



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Denise Johnson of Tulsa, grandchildren Leia and Eric Mitchell, Annye and Mark Newman, Marlo and Jay Turner, Natalie and Mick Clark, Lauren and Brian Palmer, Geoffrey and Emily Johnson, Brandon and Kelly Johnson and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Verline and Ferral raised produce in the early years of marriage. In later years, they raised cattle, grew crops of hay, grain, and Bermuda grass. In the 1950s the Coonce family was named “Farm Family of the Year”. Verline was the hay bailer. One of the jobs in bailing was to use scales to pick up the bail of hay to check the weight. Sixty-five pounds was the approximate goal per bail. Think about lifting that several times a day.

Verline was an excellent cook, sharing that talent with her daughters and grandchildren. She was a fine seamstress, teaching all her girls to sew. Perfection was always the goal when she was your teacher. She participated in Home Demonstration Club, was home room mother and an active band parent, supporting Linda and Denise.

Marlo shared this, “She taught me the names of the trees on her property, and I can still name most of them. She loved her vacation property in Colorado and loved fishing. When I last saw her, we played her old records of country music, and she asked me and my cousin to dance for her. As children, we would make up dances, and she was a wonderful audience member cheering us on. I also remember helping in her large garden and learning about vegetables and how they grew. For a bit, they had some pigs on the farm. They sent one to slaughter to be processed for food. I was distraught when the meat returned, and she was making sausage for breakfast.”

Leia described her this way, “She let us explore the farm and play outside until we inevitably got into mischief, and without fail, she’d somehow be standing right behind us, catching us being ornery every time. Grandma taught me so much—gardening, canning, sewing, mowing, and farming—and I cherished every moment spent by her side. There was nothing more peaceful than looking up at the bright stars at the farm or ranch with her, feeling completely safe just because she was there. Whether we were fishing, hiking, or driving a truck on the farm for Grandpa, that feeling of home she gave me is one I hope to pass on to my own grandchildren someday.”

What we all learned from my mother on how to reach 101, was you need to stay active, eat healthy and use all the determination you can to achieve your daily goals.



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Webcasting is available at the following link:

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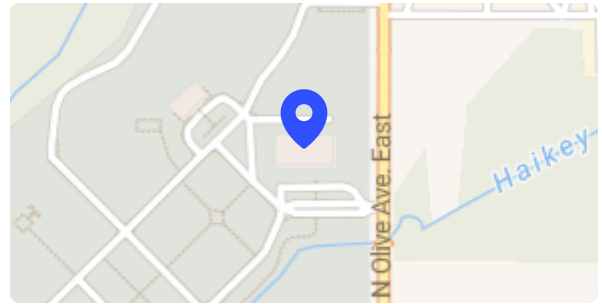
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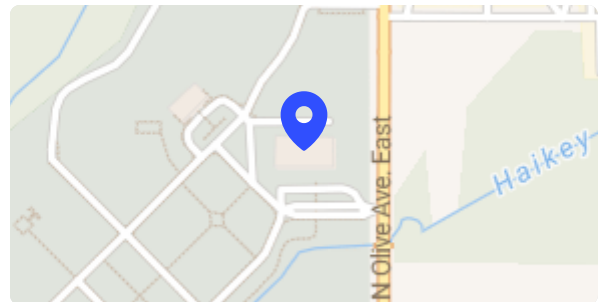
Visitation

-  **Thursday**, February 5, 2026
-  4:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT
-  **Floral Haven Visitation Suites**
6500 S 129th E Ave., Broken Arrow OK 74012






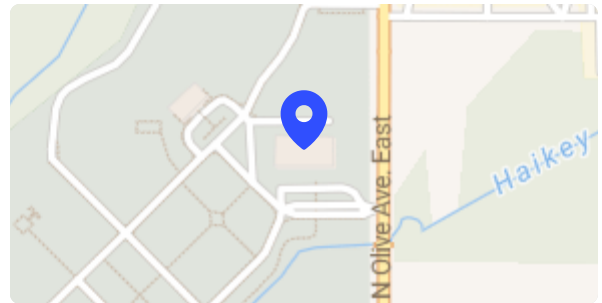
Celebration of Life Memorial Service

-  **Friday**, February 6, 2026
-  2:00 PM CT
-  **Floral Haven's Rose Chapel**
6500 S. 129th E. Ave., Broken Arrow OK 74012



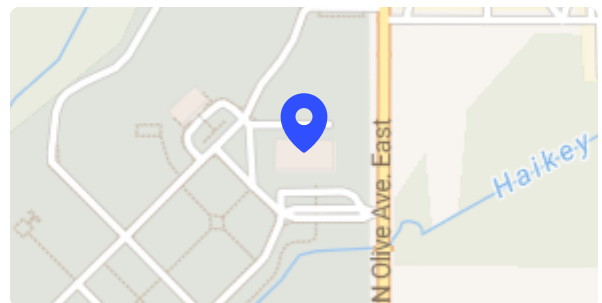
Committal Services

-  **Monday**, February 9, 2026
-  2:00 PM CT
-  **Floral Haven Memorial Gardens**
6500 S 129th E Ave., Broken Arrow OK 74012



Cemetery Details

-  **Floral Haven Memorial Gardens**
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Floral Haven Funeral Home, Crematory Andcemetery shared a **Webcast Video**.

February 4 at 5:23 PM



Linda Parker shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

February 7 at 12:17 AM



N Jean Robinson shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

February 6 at 8:36 PM



N Jean Robinson shared 20 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

February 4 at 5:42 PM



Patricia Crocker February 9 at 1:08 PM

Aunt Jean these R "Great" Aunt Verline was right in there with the girls, I luv the pic where You & Denise R laughing I can see Aunt Verline was sayin something to make Ya'll laugh. The adventures R Awesome. I see Mary, Evan's Wife all there to celebrate Aunt Verline. I'm glad I was able to be a part of too. We R Family. Today is Aunt Verline's day. ❤️



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Norma Jean Robinson & William Johnson sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Coonce family.



February 6 at 9:10 AM



Patricia Crocker February 7 at 12:53 AM

It was Wonderful Linda. I watched the whole service. I loved the stories everyone said about Great Aunt Verline. I agree Valerie is always a Blessing 🙏 Love You All 👤 Trisha Lee



Linda Parker February 7 at 12:01 AM

Hope you got to watch on-line. Such a blessing to have Valorie with us today



Lela Beaman & Family sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Coonce family.



February 5 at 10:48 PM



Linda Parker February 6 at 11:59 PM

Thank you Lela. You are so special to our family ♥



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Coonce family.



February 5 at 4:26 PM



Linda Parker February 7 at 12:00 AM

What a beautiful gift - Thank you



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Wayne Parker shared 5 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.



February 4 at 5:42 PM



Patricia Crocker February 5 at 6:19 PM

Luv these ❤️



Wayne Parker shared 4 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.



February 4 at 5:42 PM



Anonymous sent a Serene Retreat to the Coonce family.



February 5 at 11:16 AM



Anonymous sent a Sweet Tranquility Basket to the Coonce family.



February 5 at 9:56 AM



Regina Christopher sent a Pretty Please to the Coonce family.



February 5 at 9:50 AM



Linda Parker February 7 at 12:02 AM

Thank you for helping us celebrate mom



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Myra & Marty Smith, John & Trish Crocker sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Coonce family.



February 4 at 11:04 PM



Patricia Crocker February 7 at 1:26 AM

Welcome Linda it was a Beautiful Spray. Myra Jean and I were there in Spirit. We were so Greatful to be able to watch the service. I loved the stories that were told jus more insight of her character and her love for people and strong will to make it. Inspirational for me. My favorite was the hymnal. I sang along. Great Aunt Verline was Beautiful inside and out. I know she has went through Heaven's gates. Love You All 🙏



Linda Parker February 7 at 12:03 AM

So thoughtful for you to celebrate mom with us. Wish you could have been with us ♥



Patricia Crocker lit a candle in honor of Norma.

At several events Aunt Verline and I seemed to always be by each other and we held hands. I could always feel her "Love" ❤️



February 4 at 10:33 PM



Patricia Crocker February 7 at 12:58 AM

Love You too Linda. You, Carol and Denise & the Family is in my heart ❤️



Linda Parker February 7 at 12:04 AM

Love you sweet Trisha



Patricia Crocker lit a candle in honor of Norma.

Aunt Verline had the Sweetest Smile.. jus like her Sister my Grandmother Lois Bibb.



February 4 at 10:29 PM



John M. planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Norma.



February 4 at 9:54 PM



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Marlo And Jay Turner, And Maddie Duffy sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Coonce family.



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Linda Parker February 7 at 12:36 AM

Marlo and Jay, thank you for celebrating mom with us ♥



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February 5 at 3:35 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Norma by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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