



Bernice C. Friesner

August 29, 1917 - June 28, 2017

A funeral service for Bernice C. Friesner, 99 of Tulsa, will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday July 8, 2017 at Ranch Acres Baptist Church, 3143 S Jamestown, Tulsa, OK with Pastor Dan Doak officiating. Mrs. Friesner died peacefully in her sleep on Wednesday, June 28th in Tulsa. Bernice Vivian Chandler was born on August 29, 1917 to Charles B. and Martha A. Chandler in Gober, Texas. She married Coy Parrish in Windham, Texas in 1934 and they had two daughters Martha and Kay. They moved to Lawton, OK in 1942 where Mr. Parrish worked in transportation. Their marriage ended in 1944. She became an active member of the Jefferson Avenue Baptist Church while in Lawton. Bernice worked as a seamstress doing piecework in Lawton and at Pope's Cleaner's at Ft. Sill. Bernice met her second husband Walter Friesner while he was stationed at Ft. Sill. They were married and later relocated to Ames, Iowa in 1953 where Mr. Friesner was assigned as an ROTC instructor at Iowa State University. Their two sons, Walter Jr. and Stephen were born in Ames. Bernice moved back to Lawton, Oklahoma in 1960 and once again worked at Ft. Sill for Autry Cleaners. In 1964, she began an eighteen year career working for the Public Service Electric Company. She and her children were members of the First Baptist Church where she sang in the choir, worked in the nursery and taught Sunday school classes for many years. Following her retirement, she kept busy quilting, making ceramics, spoiling her grandchildren and serving her church. In 2005 she moved to Tulsa, OK where she resided until her death. She was an active member of the Ranch Acres Baptist Church. A devout Christian woman, Bernice loved singing in church choirs, sewing, making quilts, doing her crossword puzzles, spending time with her family and friends, playing Uno and Skip-bo with her grandchildren, spoiling everyone with her banana bread and chocolate chip cookies and of course cheering for her Sooners and the Dallas Cowboys. She is survived by her daughter Marty Parrish Halupnik of Cedar Falls, Iowa, her daughter and son-in-law Kay and Mike Claxton of Tulsa, Ok, her son and daughter-in-law Walter "Buddy" Friesner and Dorothy Gonzales-Friesner of Moore, OK, 8 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, 3 brothers, 5 sisters, her son Stephen Friesner, a son-in-law Dale Halupnik, a granddaughter Barrie Lynn Hall, a great-grandson Matthew Clinkscales. The family is requesting in lieu of flowers please make your donations to

Ranch Acres Baptist Church or the American Heart Association.

Comments



“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you, Bernice was always such a kind and sweet lady. Lots of great memories at the reunions playing games and having so much fun. Love to all, Bobbie Haggard and Family

Bobbie Haggard - July 05, 2017 at 03:23 PM



“ Lit a candle in memory of Bernice C. Friesner

Pat Reffett - July 05, 2017 at 02:49 PM



“ Bernice was a wonderful woman and a great aunt. She had a good sense of humor and loved her children with all her heart. She had more than her share of heartache with the passing of loved ones but kept her faith and went on serving the Lord through her church, which she also loved. She shared with us more than once how much she loved singing in the choir and how faithful her friends in the church were to her. It is great to know she is enjoying the glories of heaven and celebrating with all her loved ones who preceded her there. We can only imagine that glorious reunion with her parents, "papa" & "mama" Chandler, son Stephen, her brothers, Hulen, Weldon & C.B., and her sisters, Gladys, Louise, Rozelle, Charlene and my mom, Reva, Praise God for sending His Son Jesus so that all of us have the opportunity to be with Him and with our loved ones eternally. My condolences and best wishes to Bernice's children and grandchildren. Blessings, Peggy Laubenstein

Peggy Laubenstein - July 01, 2017 at 01:04 PM