

Flora Irene Stewart

Services for Flora Irene Stewart, 88 of Ringling will be held at 2:00 PM., Monday November 15, 2010 at the Ringling Methodist Church with Reverend Alex Costea officiating and Carol Robertson assisting, Co-Pastor of Capitol Hill Full Gospel Church in Moore , OK . Burial will be at Dixie Cemetery , north of Ringling, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home in Ringling.

On November 12, 2010 Irene passed at the home of her daughter, Angela Stewart-Harbin, in Choctaw, OK. After an extended illness, God answered her long awaited prayers to pass quietly in her sleep. She was born in Tucker Holler, near Hohenwald , TN on October 22, 1922. One of her fondest memories was being a waitress to Pasty Cline, Little Jimmie Dickens, Loretta Lynn, and many more artists from that era while working at a small café by the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, TN. She came to Ringling , OK with her mother Jessie Bates-Henderson in 1950 and on March 17, 1952 she married the love of her life, John Vernon "Bo" Stewart of Ringling, OK. While living in Ringling she was a dedicated member of the Ringling Methodist Church for 60 years, and also enjoyed participating in the Ringling Quilting Club. She enjoyed serving her church, community, friends and family. Her favorite occupation of all was baby sitting all of the children in the town of Ringling.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Jessie Bates-Henderson on October 9, 1981, father Jess Bates, and her husband, John Vernon "Bo" Stewart on December 30, 1987.

She is survived by her daughter, Angela Stewart-Harbin and husband Pat Harbin, grandsons Bryan Barney, Bradley Barney, and step-grandsons Dalton Harbin, and Cody Harbin all from Choctaw, OK.

Other surviving relatives are Judy Stewart, Michael and Shana Keener, and children of Moore , OK . Sister-in-laws Eula Faye Ford, and Christine Stewart along with numerous nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be Carson Brooks , Billy Moore, Tommy Mike Hildebrandt, Bryan Barney, Brad Barney and Wendell Stewart. The family will be available for visitation Sunday, November 14, 2010 from 5:00 to 6:30 at the Funeral Home.