



Doris Joachims

June 5, 1927 - March 15, 2013

Doris Marie, was born June 5, 1927 in Waynoka, Oklahoma. She passed away March 15, 2013 in Oklahoma City.

Her dad worked on the railroad and therefore traveled and moved. Doris graduated from High School in Wellington, Kansas, another railroad center.

In 1946, Doris was a new high school graduate, and Max Joachims was recently discharged from the US Navy. They met each other at an amusement park in Denver named Elich Gardens. Although Max was a native of Dacoma, Oklahoma, they had never met each other before that night.

Doris married Max on October 2, 1946. They lived for a short time in Dacoma with Grandma Joachims and then moved into their first house in Alva.

Due to the social norms of the day, Doris was a stay-at-home housewife and mother. Over the years, she participated in many church and charitable capacities, and wound up traveling many miles in the Northwestern, Oklahoma, plains to attend meetings of all types to support those groups of which she was a member and/or an officer.

During her life, Doris had a wide variety of interesting experiences.

She worked at the Montgomery Ward office in Alva for over a year...a position she had never held before, and which she worked at while she was pregnant with her third child. She helped with the books at the Shalloup's Packing Plant, and for awhile was the main bookkeeper. Many nights she was busy finding one penny or 27 cents in order to balance the books and go home. Her year on the federal grand jury was note worthy, especially considering she didn't even know how to put gas in the car before then. She served for 12 months on the Grand Jury, making the trip to downtown Oklahoma City and back by herself on the back roads, and staying in a hotel room for one week or more each time. She lived in a number of houses, not just the first house, in Alva, all of their married lives, and actually built their own home near the high school and the swimming pool when their third child was 5 years old.

In March of 2011, Doris moved to Oklahoma City and moved into an apartment at Quail Ridge Assisted Living. Over the next two years, she made a number of new friends who gradually became familiar with her style of dry wit which one staff member called "a funny kind of cranky". She seemed to be at her happiest when she could engage someone in a friendly war

of words where she steadfastly refused to smile. Therefore, her nickname, to some at least, was "Smiley".

Doris passed away at the age of 39, having been that age for a very long time.

She was preceded in death by her husband Max; three siblings, Nadine, Jeannie and Lonnie.

Doris is survived by, Brian Joachims, Norman, Oklahoma,

Janice Sheffield, Fullerton, California

Gary Joachims, Edmond, Oklahoma

Billie Miles, Denver, Colorado, Brent, Bradley, Craig, Julie, Sandra, Christine,
and David, Andrew, Timothy, Jennifer, CJ, Anthony, Sawyer, and Enrique.

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NN

“ I loved Doris to pieces. She made my days at McDonalds all that much easier to handle. I will miss her so much. Glad to know she was ornry till she passed. Now her and Max can walk all over walmart in heaven. :)

nicole nusser - April 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Our deepest sympathy is extended to you in the loss of your Mother, she was a unique person and we always enjoyed visiting with her.

Larry and Carolyn Woods - March 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ Doris and I became acquainted when I started in as an Extension Educator in Alva in 1980 and she was an active member of the Town and County OHCE group. She was one of the most dedicated members I've known for the past 31 years. Doris and I traveled many miles together attending District and State OHCE meetings and when she was moved to OKC, I missed her a lot. It's satisfying to know that she and Max are enjoying time now together in heaven!

Karen Armbruster - March 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SI

“ Brian, You graduated with my son, Bill. I got to know your mother thru volunteering for the Red Cross. She was a wonderful sweet lady. Many thoughts and prayers are with you. She was so proud of you.

Sue Ingraham - March 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ I got acquainted with Doris at the "coffee counter" in Holder-Southern (at the time) Drug store. During that time, she influenced me to become a "Pink Lady" at Share Nursing Home. She will always have a special place in my heart for my years of volunteering at Share, which I thoroughly enjoyed. I think of her daily, as I often sit at "her" electric organ which I bought at her living estate sale. I pray each of you will be comforted by special memories of your Mother.

Vaughna Schmidt - March 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VB

“ Sorry to hear of you loss. Doris was a very special person. She will be greatly missed. Prays to all of her family.

Verleen (Fox) Baker - March 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ I worked with Doris at Montgomery Ward. She was a happy lady as I remember. That was in the late 60's or early 70's. I moved away after that so lost touch with her. My sympathy to her family. Together again with Max.

Dudley & Jeanne Winn - March 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM