



Irene Tanner

January 8, 1911 - August 26, 2011

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Irene Walker Tanner-Ewing was born January 8, 1911 in Haigler, Nebraska near her parents' homestead in Binkleman, Nebraska. She graduated from high school in Greensburg, Kansas and came to Alva to attend Northwestern

State College. She graduated from Oklahoma University and after teaching for a year returned to Alva to work at Monfort Drug. In 1941 she married Brette M. Tanner, who was in business with his father E.W. at the E.W. Tanner Co. Irene joined Brette in the family business after their marriage. Son Arthur was born in 1944 and daughter Ann joined the family in 1949. After Brette's death, in 1979, Irene continued to operate the business until 1984 when she sold the store to JaDeanna Farris. In 1983 Irene married R.V. "Rudy" Ewing. Irene was active in the Alva community throughout her life. She was a member of Chapter "C" PEO, Eastern Star, DAR, and served as Mother Advisor for the local Rainbow Chapter for a number of years. She was active in both the First Christian Church and the First United Methodist Church. She served on the Share Library Board and was a volunteer at the Senior Citizens Center.

She was preceded in death by both her husbands, Brette and Rudy; her parents, Lola F. and E.D. Walker; a son-in-law Jerry Dillon; three sisters, Gertrude, Pauline and Alma; and three brothers, Ike, Johnny and Mickey. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Art and Sue Tanner of Rose Hill, Kansas; daughter, Ann Dillon of Nash, Oklahoma; four grandchildren, Tracie VanHoutan, Niki Allen, Brette Tanner, and Sarah Dillon; great grandchildren, Casey, Nik and Darby VanHoutan, Jayden Dillon, Colby and Carson Tanner. A sister, Lorna Cuvilier survives as do Rudy's daughters, Dorian Tatum and Vickie Ewing. Two special nieces Marcie Hronoplus and Wanda Baker also survive.

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Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
626 College Ave.
Alva, Ok

Tribute Wall

JW

“ *I never met Irene, but I wish I had. My grandpa was John Walker, Irene's sister. I have been working on family history for a couple years and I would have loved to talk to Irene before she passed.*

Jason Walker - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ *Irene Tanner*

Brette Tanner - September 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ *Irene was a great lady, and she was always a great friend to Janice and me while we were in Alva. She was a strong woman at a time when it would have been a challenge to be so, and so she has always been an inspiration.*

Paul B. Beran, Ph.D. - September 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Ann and family
Sorry for the loss of your mom. She was a great lady. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time*

Donnette Stauffer - August 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Ann and Art,
Your mother was a remarkable woman always thinking of others. May remembering help to ease the sorrow that you feel and bring peace and comfort to your heart.*

Danette and Mark Hague - August 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ Irene was such a lovely and gracious lady. I bought many clothes for our son when he was young in her store. I loved visiting with her. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Virgil and Lavon Wiersig - August 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Ann, Sarah, and Jayden, your mother/grandmother was a gracious, generous lady. We loved her wonderful spirit and sense of humor, and we consider ourselves blessed because she counted us among her friends.

John and Judy Wilkins - August 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Art and Sue,
You and all your family are in our prayers. Your mother was a wonderful "lady".

Linda and Gary Peterman - August 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ She was such a special person and so loving. We always got a special hug from her. She really loved people. We will miss her alot.

Dean & Mary Etta Campbell - August 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PO

“ *Ann: I will so miss your Mom and have missed visiting with her for the last few years. She was always an inspiration to me and had lovely stories to share and confide. It is especially difficult to lose a Mother - they seem to keep family ties and memories and stories together for the rest of us.*

With much sympathy

Peggy O'Neil - August 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM