



Lela (Gussie) Augusta Rader

May 22, 1912 - December 23, 2009

Lela Augusta, daughter of Bessie Margaret (Lewis) and William T Beadles, was born around Alva on May 22, 1912. She passed away at the Alva Share Medical Center on the 23rd of December at the age of 97 years, 7 months and 1 day.

She attended the Alva School System.

On August 18, 1929 Miss Beadles was married to Clyde Rader in Alva, Oklahoma. To their marriage three children, twins Margaret and Mary Ann and Thelma were born; three step children Clyde (Bill), Leonard, and Ada.

Following their marriage Gussie worked with Clyde at the Whitehorse gas station and convenience store and blacksmith while farming. During WWII the family worked the farm while all the men went to war.

In 1945 she went to work at Beadles Nursing Home as a nurses aid; driving back and forth to Whitehorse.

At the age of 50 she went back to school and received her LPN in 1962. Later she went to school to be an administrator for the nursing home. In 1965 the family moved to Alva.

Mrs. Rader was a member of the Alva Church of the Nazarene. Gussie taught Sunday school, was on the church board and received a Distinguished Service Award for the most years of service at the church.

She enjoyed making comforter quilts for the nursing home until she was injured in June. Mrs. Rader continued to sew until her death.

Gussie was preceded in death by her husband; Clyde, two daughters; Mary

Ann passed away at birth, Margaret, three step children; Bill, Leonard and Ada Lawson and her parents.

She is survived by her daughter, Thelma Curry; thirteen grandchildren, LeRoy, Doris, Ernest, Barbara, Dolores, Glenda, Ronnie, Vernon, Dr. Mary Lee Collings, Sherrie, Eugene and Gail; numerous great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren; a sister, Ruth Hiatt, a daughter-in law, Olive Rader and several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC **26**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Alva Church of the Nazarene
728 College Ave
Alva, OK

Tribute Wall

KP

“ *She was a wonderful lady. Going to miss her dearly. Always had a smile on her face. Sorry about the lost of a loved one*

Kim Penrod - January 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *Mary,
I was so sad to hear about Grandma Gussie; I know how much each of you meant to each other.*

Rinda McGarry Beard - December 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *I have many fond childhood memories of Grandma Gussie with Mary, she was one of the sweetest ladies I have ever known. God Blessed us well.*

Robin (Keele) Lewis - December 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WK

“ *What a great woman Gussie--a heart of gold beating with love. She leaves a great void, that's for sure. However, she leaves an even greater legacy! What a wonder she was!*

William Kalfas - December 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *I remember Aunt Gussie with fond memories especially at family reunions. She will be greatly missed. I wish I could be there today but I am in spirit. Love you all.*

Love, Dayla, Colton, and Michael Griffis

Dayla Lewis Griffis - December 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Gussie, our neighbor all my life and will be missed. She has always been close to my family over the years and to the family our prayers will be with you all. Sorry for your loss. Jim & Marilyn

Jim & Marilyn Davison - December 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ At this time of the year it is sad to loose a loved one. How fortunate for Gussie, "Christmas in Heaven" The lights, love, joy, and peace have to be wonderful.

Bill & Linda Beeler - December 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I'm sorry to read of Gussie's passing. She was a dear, sweet lady. She will be missed. My thoughts & prayers are with her family.

Jeanne Winn - December 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Dear Family,
Gussie was one of my heros.As a young woman she helped mold me and teach me about caring for others.
I learned some recipes from her early on and one long winter when I had Long hair she tied it up to make ringlets. I cherish her and her family. All my Love.
Jane Gaskill

Jane Gaskill - December 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I loved Gussie. As soon as I heard, I said a prayer for her. She is at peace. My heart will always have a special place for Gussie. My love to you all. God be with you!

Jane Lewis Wiseman - December 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Gussie will be missed greatly, she was such loving and caring lady. I feel so blessed to have known her and be part of her life. May you all feel the love of the lord and know she is at peace and she is with our lord for this holiday.

Dana Kirkpatrick - December 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM