



## Merle Dean Glasgow

August 3, 1922 - January 17, 2010

Merle Dean (Parker) Glasgow was born in Hobart, Oklahoma, on August 3, 1922, to Ocie Lela (Wood) and Isom Ewing Parker. She passed away at the Alva Share Medical Center the 17th day of January at the age of 87 years, 5 months and 14 days.

Merle attended Hobart Elementary schools and graduated in 1940 from Hobart High. Miss Parker moved to Oklahoma City to attend Hills Business College. While living in the city she worked for Fretwell Motor Co. She met her future husband at the boarding house where they both lived at the time.

On April 2nd, 1941, Robert E. Glasgow from Dacoma, and Merle Dean were married in the Oklahoma City Shartel Church of God. To their marriage three daughters, Dana, Colleen and Kelli were born. Their marriage lasted 55 years until Mr. Glasgow's death on April 13, 1996.

After their marriage, the two moved to Hardtner, Kansas, where Robert worked as business manager of the Achenbach Memorial Hospital. In 1943 Robert worked for Cessna, moving the family to Wichita, and later to Mid West City where he worked at Tinker Air Force Base for the U.S. Air Force Civil Service, flight-testing aircraft for the war.

In 1945, the couple moved to Dacoma where Merle Dean worked along side Robert in Glasgow's IGA Grocery, which they owned and ran until 1950 when they moved to Alva. Robert was the Alva General Hospital Administrator for the next ten years while Merle Dean was a homemaker and mother to their three daughters. They then spent 19 years in Woodward where Robert was

the Administrator for the Woodward Memorial Hospital. In 1979, the couple returned to Alva to retire.

Mrs. Glasgow joined the Eastern Star in 1945, was on the Alva Hospital Bowling League, a member of the Woodwardettes Home Extension Club and always active in her church. She was a member of the Alva Church of God where she was a substitute Sunday school teacher. She also loved to cook and sew for her family. Her church and strong faith were very important throughout her life. She enjoyed listening to tapes of sermons after she no longer could attend in person.

Mrs. Glasgow was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Phebe Barrow, a sister-in-law, Dana M. Glasgow, a nephew, Kim Ratzlaff and her husband, Robert.

Merle Dean is survived by her daughters and their husbands; Dana and Robert Hooper, Colleen and Leo Myers, and Kelli and Jarek Kelnar; two grandchildren, Natalie and Phillip Myers; a sister-in-law and her husband, Margaret and Clifford Ratzlaff; three nephews, Larry and Randy Ratzlaff and Mike Barrow, as well as two nieces, Diana Glasgow and Lynn Munson and numerous friends and extended family.

Memorial contributions can be made in her name to the Alva Church of God.

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# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JAN 21. 2:00 PM (CT)

Alva Church of God  
517 9th  
Alva, OK

# Tribute Wall

LT

“ Sorry to hear about your mom.  
My sympathy to you and all your family members.  
I lost my mom almost a year ago. I can't believe it's been this long.  
Seems like yesterday.  
Remember your mom always. Remember the funny things she used  
to say or do.  
Take care.  
Lupe

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**Lupe Trevino** - January 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Dana....we miss our mams's forever....always part of who we  
are...prayers...judith traverse schenck

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**sister judith traverse schenck** - January 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ We were sorry to hear of your loss. Your mother was such a sweet  
person. We will be thinking of you!

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**Steve and Pam Gale** - January 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Dana and family,  
You are in my thoughts and prayers this week. Your Mother and  
Dad were gracious lovely people and wonderful contributors to our  
community. I cherish the years I have know you and your family.  
My best to all as you start your recovery from your sadness. Mary  
Lou Huff Bianchi

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**Mary Lou Bianchi** - January 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Kelli, I'm so sorry to her about your mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Richard Thornton - January 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ God bless your family in this time of sorrow. May your many loving memories bring you peace and comfort.

Virgil and Lavon Wiersig - January 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ to Dana and family:  
I cannot attend the service but want you to know I am thinking of you and keeping all of you in prayer.

Martha Draper - January 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of loss. We love you Kelli.

Keith and Donya Johnson

Donya Johnson - January 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Kelli and Natalie,

Thinking about you in your time of loss. May you find comfort in the many wonderful memories you shared.

Lacy Myers - January 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Kelli-  
So sorry to hear about your mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God give you and your sisters strength at this difficult time. Take care. KCB

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**Kathy Brittingham** - January 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Kelli, My heart is breaking for you and your family. Just know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Melissa Thornton** - January 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ My prayers are with you and your family. I pray for strength for all of you. Take care of yourself, Kelli.  
Your "FRIEND" from TU

*Deborah*

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**Deborah Keys** - January 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Kelli,  
I'm sorry to hear about your Mother. You're in my thoughts and prayers.  
Love ya!

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**Myrna Cross** - January 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Dear Kelli,  
I'm so sorry for your loss. I can only imagine how difficult it must be.  
You will be in my thoughts and prayers.  
Truly,  
Jehan

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**Jehan Parekh** - January 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Kelli,  
  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Tina Seawright** - January 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ Merle Dean's family...Im so sorry for your loss...what a wonderful lady she was..I dont think I ever saw her without that precious smile on her face...cherish her memories an know that my thoughts an prayers are with you...

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**Charlotte Holt Edwards** - January 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Colleen  
You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Ernie & Genevieve Farris** - January 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ We are truly sadden by the loss of your mother. You know God didn't make anyone any sweeter than her.

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**Trooper Jimmy & Julie (Davison) Helm** - January 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM