



Rose Mary Killion Collins

September 12, 1920 - October 4, 2017

Rose Mary Killion Collins passed away October 4 at Cherokee Manor at the age of 97. Services will be held at 2:00 PM, October 14, at the First Baptist Church in Cherokee under the direction of Wharton Funeral Home. Interment will follow at the Byron-Amorita Cemetery near Byron, Oklahoma.

Rose Mary Maxwell was born September 12, 1920, in Huntington Beach, California, to Miles Maxwell and Evelyn (King) Maxwell. Her parents moved to Oklahoma when she was two years old. They lived in Muskogee, then Choteau. They moved to Lucien, Oklahoma in 1929. Rose Mary graduated in 1937 from Haywood High School and from the University of Central Oklahoma in May of 1941. She accepted a position as civilian instrument instructor for the Army Air Corps Base in Amarillo, Texas. There she met Quentin Killion who was an Army instructor at the base. They were married September 26, 1943, in Lucien, Oklahoma. In 1945 her husband served as a B-29 aerial engineer in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where she was able to join him. He was honorably discharged from the Army in January, 1946 at which time they established their home on a farm near Byron, Oklahoma. One son and two daughters were born from this union. Their son, Quentin Maxwell Killion died in infancy.

Rose Mary taught high school English, speech, and business classes for 20 years. Most of her teaching was done at Byron Driftwood High School with the last five years at Chaparral High School in Kansas. She also assisted Quentin in their farming operation until his death April 29, 1989.

Quentin and Rose Mary were members of the Byron Christian Church where she taught Sunday school for over 40 years and was Treasurer of the church. She was involved in many community affairs and organizations: Hospital Volunteers, Library Board, Literacy Council, Alfalfa County Museum board, Mother's Club, ABBD Senior Citizens, B.P.O.E.

She married Vernon Collins (who had served as the family lawyer for 30 years) on September 12 1998. Vernon passed away December 13, 1989.

Rose Mary said she had been blessed to have been loved by two different but remarkable men. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Quentin Killion and Vernon Collins, her infant son, Quentin Maxwell Killion, her parents, three brothers and three sisters.

Surviving Rose Mary are her sister-in-law Jo Maxwell, daughter Kathie and husband Dwight Wessels of Cherokee, Oklahoma, daughter Vicki and husband Roger Guess Jr. of Grapevine, Texas, seven grandchildren, an 24 great grandchildren, David Collins and his wife Peggy, Jim Collins and his wife Brenda, Mary Sue Hale and her husband Stuart, eight step grandchildren, seven step great grandchildren, plus nieces, nephews and many friends and students.

In lieu of flowers, Rose Mary asked donations be directed to
Brad Hofen Ministries,
P.O. Box 273, Alva, Oklahoma 73717

Cemetery Details

Byron-Amorita Cemetery

Byron-Amorita Cemetery, OK 73719

Previous Events

Family Visitation

OCT **13**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Goodwin - Wharton Funeral Chapel
106 West 2nd Street
Cherokee, OK 73728

Funeral Service

OCT **14**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Cherokee First Baptist Church
614 South Grand
Cherokee, OK 73728

Tribute Wall



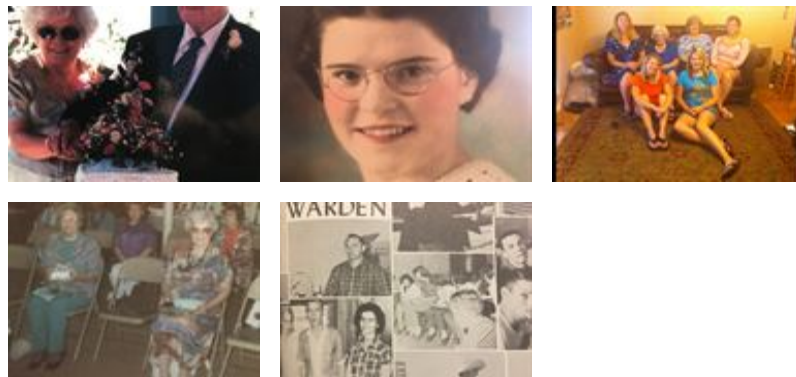
“ *Wharton Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Rose Mary Killion Collins*



Wharton Funeral Chapel - October 12, 2017 at 08:26 PM



“ *185 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Wharton Funeral Chapel - December 14, 2017 at 10:40 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers to your families at the loss of Mrs. Collins.*

AK, Shirley Armstrong - November 10, 2017 at 07:09 AM

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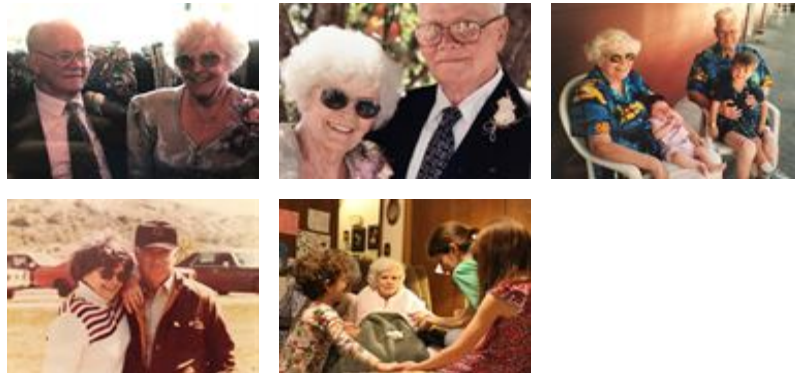
“ Rose Mary was a wonderful person and such a true and wonderful friend to my mother, Aline Hise. They grew up and went to school together and church, and stayed friends as long as my parents were alive. I also was fortunate to know Rose Mary's parents and especially loved going there on Halloween for the homemade taffy. They were the best people, and I got to become friends with Rosemary's daughters because of them. I spent a lot of time with them at their grandmothers house in Lucien while I was staying with both of my Grandma's in Lucien. The whole Maxwell family are just wonderful people and I will always cherish them. That smile on her face is how she always was when I would see her and is how I will always remember her. You all are so lucky to have had her for so long.

Sincerely, Melody Hise Smith

Melody Hise Smith - October 13, 2017 at 12:19 PM



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Wharton Funeral Chapel - October 12, 2017 at 07:10 PM

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“ Grapevine Faith Christian School purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rose Mary Killion Collins.



Grapevine Faith Christian School - October 10, 2017 at 11:01 AM



Claudette Parker

“ Rosemary taught my Sunday school class while I was growing up in Byron, Oklahoma. Many times I have used what I learned to make good decisions throughout my life time. I also worked for Quentin and Rosemary cutting and baling alfalfa hay in the early 1980's. Rosemary made delicious lunches and often invited me on the days I worked. I will always remember her as a sweet, kind and wise lady who was beautiful inside and out. My deepest condolences to the family for their loss.

Claudette Parker - October 10, 2017 at 07:21 AM



Claudette Parker

“ 1 file added to the album Rose Mary Killion Collins



Claudette Parker - October 10, 2017 at 06:25 AM