



## Anita Dolores "Dee" Lehman

September 29, 1932 - December 27, 2019

Anita Dolores (Irwin) Lehman was born September 29, 1932 in Elkhart, Kansas to Paul A. Greaser and Bernice Elizabeth (Ammann) Greaser and peacefully passed away Friday, December 27, 2019 in Fort Meyers, Florida. After the death of their second daughter, Bernice and Paul divorced. Bernice later married Ted O. Irwin who adopted Dolores. Dolores spent her childhood in Kansas playing the clarinet and twirling in high school. At that time her father was managing a movie theater. Dolores was working in the theater when she met and fell in love with George Donald Lehman. After graduating from high school, she attended Kansas State University, but after one semester she dropped out and married George on March 31, 1951 in Great Bend, Kansas.

George worked for Seismograph Service Corp., exploring potential oil fields. They never lived in the first house that they bought. They purchased what would be today a small travel trailer and moved from work site to work site. George would come home after work, hook up the trailer and drive through the night with Dee following him in their car. Occasionally George would begin to weave the trailer back and forth to keep Dee awake.

As their first two sons grew to school age, they decided to settle in Muskogee, Oklahoma. They purchased a home that they actually lived in and soon added a third son to their growing family. They attended Trinity United Methodist

Church where Dee was president of the Women's Society of Christian Service. Dee was active in the church and community. As her sons grew, she took up cosmetic sales and then sold real estate. She eventually received her broker's license and opened her own office.

When George retired, they moved to Fort Myers on their trawler where they lived aboard for about a year. They built a home in Fort Myers and took several trips on a succession of boats and RV's seeing many parts of the United States and the Bahamas. After many happy years of marriage, George died in 2008.

She then met and fell in love with Jesse Knotts whom she married on August 27, 2012 in Wagoner, Oklahoma. They have enjoyed their life together in Fort Myers until her death. During the final year of her life step-daughters Deb and Diane have cared for Dee and Jesse doing shopping, cooking, providing transportation and personal care until her death on December 27, 2019.

She is survived by her husband; Jesse Knotts of the home; brother, Dennis Irwin and wife Donna of Sun City West, AZ; sons, Donald Lehman and wife Phyllis of Oklahoma City, OK, Kenneth Lehman and wife Cindy of Muskogee, OK, Gary Lehman and wife Sally of Fort Gibson, OK; step-daughters, Deb Wilson (John) of La Belle, FL., Diane Hagedwood (Barry Gose) of Bunnell, FL., Kathy Growcock of Wolcottville, IN., Karen Criswell (Eric Bortner) of Rome City, IN; numerous grandchildren; great grandchildren and many friends.

A memorial service Celebrating Dee's life will be held 10AM Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel in Fort Gibson, OK with her son Donald Lehman officiating.

Committal prayers and inurnment will follow at the Fort Gibson National Cemetery, Fort Gibson, OK.

The family of Anita Dolores Lehman has entrusted her service and inurnment to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson, OK. 918-478-2555.

Online condolences may be left at [clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com](http://clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 21. 10:00 AM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home (Fort Gibson)  
1224 E Poplar St  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434  
(918) 478-2555

# Tribute Wall



“ *Anita Dolores "Dee" Lehman*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM

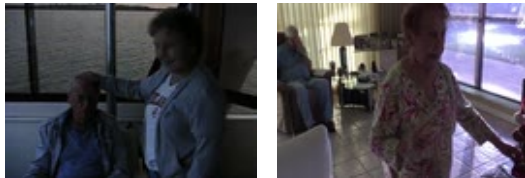


“ *We became good friends with the Lehmans when Bill and George did seismograph work in KS, OK and CO. Bill had gone to high school with Dee, and we are happy that she had such a full and wonderful life. Years ago we enjoyed every minute we spent with Dee and George on the White Pelican, to Key West, Bahamas, St. Augustine and around Fort Meyers. Then we traveled with them after they bought a motorhome and came to Oregon on the Lewis & Clark Trail. Even though we have not met Jesse and hadn't heard from Dee for a few years, she has always been in our hearts. Ellie and Bill Miller, Fairview, Oregon.*

**Ellie Miller** - February 07, 2020 at 04:27 PM



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**Ken and Cindy Lehman** - January 18, 2020 at 02:22 PM

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“ Ken and Cindy Lehman purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Anita Dolores "Dee" Lehman.

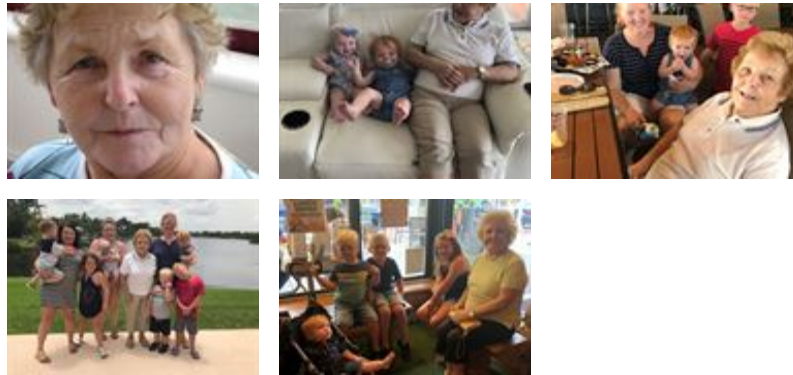


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**Ken and Cindy Lehman** - January 18, 2020 at 02:14 PM



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**Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home** - January 18, 2020 at 10:44 AM

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“ Rebecca Willis purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Anita Dolores "Dee" Lehman.



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**Rebecca Willis** - January 17, 2020 at 02:24 PM

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“ *Your family at Tower Inspection & National Steel purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Anita Dolores "Dee" Lehman.*



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**Your family at Tower Inspection & National Steel** - January  
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