



Laurel Ann Huggins Andrews

December 2, 1936 - March 30, 2020

Laurel Ann Huggins Andrews was born at home, on what was then known as the Worterfield Farm in the Perkins area of Fort Gibson, Oklahoma, on December 2, 1936, to James Wallace and Ludy Angeline Thornton Huggins. She passed from this life at the age of 83 on March 30, 2020, in Fort Gibson at the home of her daughter. Ann and her twin sister Carol were born the youngest of 12 children, and they spent their childhood days playing on the farm with their younger siblings and being spoiled by their older ones. As a child, Ann attended the one-room Brown Schoolhouse before eventually graduating from Fort Gibson High School in 1955.

As a young woman, Ann poured her heart and energy into her children, creating a fun and secure home for them. She was a talented cook, who could turn the humblest of ingredients into the finest of meals. Visiting relatives always counted on the fact that Ann would have a pie or cake baked for them, and she probably baked at least a million chocolate chip cookies during her lifetime. Ann saw the beauty of living an uncomplicated life and blessed the lives of her children by teaching them the simple joys of making clover chains in the yard or throwing down a quilt in the field to experience the adventure of a cow-pasture picnic.

Once her children began leaving home, Ann worked as a para professional with the Fort Gibson School district. Following this, she began a 25-year career in child care, first caring for children in her own home, and then later at the Muskogee Regional Medical Center Employee Daycare, where she

became known as “the baby whisperer.” Ann possessed a special knack for soothing babies and loved each one she cared for as if he or she were her own. In return, she was equally loved and valued by them and by their appreciative parents.

Ann possessed a humble and compassionate heart, and she was quick to put herself and her needs second. She possessed a warm smile that revealed her kind, loving, and accepting nature, and she was naturally gifted in putting people at ease. In fact, it was not uncommon for perfect strangers to strike up meaningful conversations with her in a doctor’s office waiting room or while standing in line to check out at a grocery store, and she never failed to take a genuine interest in both them and in their stories.

Ann was a dedicated Christian, who faithfully served God as a member of the Fort Gibson Church of Christ all of her life, leaving a deep heritage of faith for her children and grandchildren. She believed no earthly title could surpass those of “Mom” and “Mamaw,” and she was happiest when she was surrounded by her family.

Ann is survived by her children, Tammy Shrum and husband Dwayne of Oklahoma City, Beth Brannon and husband Doug of Fort Gibson, Max Andrews and wife Shelli of Cincinnati, Ohio, Becky Berkenbile and husband Mike of Fort Gibson; grandchildren, Ashley Rouse and husband Eric, Andy Brannon and wife Kenna, Kyle Shrum and wife Myka, Melissa Peters, Josh Andrews and wife Alisha, Brooke Berkenbile, Cole Berkenbile and Joseph Andrews; great-grandchildren, Maddux, Jaxon, Fischer, Gray, North, Madyson, Emma and Harper; brother, Warren Dean Huggins; twin sister, Carol Tomlinson; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

Ann was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Stanley Mark Andrews; a grandson, Grant Shrum; brothers, Clarence Huggins, Laurence Huggins, George (Deanie) Huggins, Jack Huggins, Abraham (Bud) Huggins, Hugh Owen Huggins and Elmer Huggins; and sisters, Sara Preston and Alma Huggins.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Burnt Cabin

Christian Camp Scholarship Fund at the Fort Gibson Church of Christ. A family only service will be held noon, April 1, 2020 on the porch of her daughter's home in Fort Gibson, Oklahoma with Minister Dan Rouse officiating. Committal prayers and interment will follow at Citizens Cemetery with Andy Brannon, Kyle Shrum, Cole Berkenbile, Joseph Andrews, Eric Rouse and Josh Andrews serving as casket bearers.

The family of Laurel Ann Andrews has entrusted her care, service and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson, OK. 918-478-2555
Online condolences may be left at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Citizens Cemetery

Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Previous Events

Private Family Service

APR 1 (CT)

Fort Gibson, Oklahoma

Tribute Wall



“ *Laurel Ann Huggins Andrews*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *I did not have the pleasure of knowing Ann as well as other Huggins but I do know for sure that by knowing anyone of their family, you knew them all. My mother Belle Cahoon often shared stories of the Huggins and their closeness to our Brown family in early day Fort Gibson. She told countless stories of their kindnesses, generous spirits and love of others. It is a privilege to be closely associated with them and to have had so many memories with their families throughout several generations. Attending Brown school and sharing in rural chores provided many opportunities that gathered our families together. I wish to express my deepest heartfelt sympathies, also on behalf of my mother, to all who knew and loved such a sweet, lovely and kind lady. Carolyn Cahoon Watts*

Carolyn Watts - April 06, 2020 at 06:41 AM



“ *Growing up small town is such a blessing from God. You get to have people like Ann in your life. I can't remember a time that she wasn't part of my life. Love her and her kids. So sorry for your lose.*

Melanie (Moore) Kaufman - April 02, 2020 at 10:56 AM



“ *Miss Ann rocked my baby many times at the hospital day care. Always knew my baby was in the best hands with her there. Loved her bunches!*

Kristy Herriman - March 31, 2020 at 11:20 PM

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“ Ann was always so sweet to me when I came to see Mom-ma Jones at Uncle Clarence and Aunt Wilma’s. To me, she was the epitome of a Christian lady, who taught with her quiet ways. All my condolences. Love, Beverly (Banny) Jones Mayes.

Beverly Mayes - March 31, 2020 at 09:02 PM

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“ Ann had a beautiful heart that cared for others. She welcomed my brother ,Nathan Keck into her home He always felt loved I remember Max and Nathan calling her Woman. She was so very special to my family.

Laberta Lashley - March 31, 2020 at 08:35 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Laurel Ann Huggins Andrews.



March 31, 2020 at 06:02 PM

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“ Eunice Brown lit a candle in memory of Laurel Ann Huggins Andrews



Eunice Brown - March 30, 2020 at 05:37 PM