



Florine Graves

March 12, 1929 - October 9, 2016

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Florine Graves was born on March 12, 1929, the fifth child of six children born to George and Rebecca Kendrix Petty. Her birth began a humble journey of 87 years to her reward of her heavenly home, which she entered Sunday, October 9, 2016.

Her first ten years of life were very influential on much of her thinking, as she lived during the Great Depression. Her mother died when she was about five years old, and her father was unable to care for all the children, so Florine went to live with a foster family. She was raised to be a lady with a strong Christian foundation, and that foundation supported her up to her very last breath. She was a graduate of Norman High School and continued to keep in contact with each one of her classmates. She loved music and truly enjoyed being a part of the First Baptist Church of Norman choir. Never one to waver, she was both a strong willed person about her politics and a devoted prayer warrior. She was a Christian lady with a loving heart who was a devoted wife, mom and grandmother. She disciplined with love and sometimes lovingly used a peach tree switch. She stayed true to her convictions and stood firm with her God and family.

Florine was preceded in death by her husband of over 50 years, Bobby Graves as well as her daughter-in-law Milly Graves. She is survived by her four children: Larry Don Graves, Ronnie Joe Graves and his wife Nancy, Shauna Willis and her husband Ron, and Gayla McKinney and her husband

Blake. She is also survived by ten grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, her sister Evelyn Sheets, and many nieces and nephews.

A special thanks to her devoted girls, Betty Harmon and Rosa Bailey, the caring staff of the Montgomery County Nursing Home, and members of Norman First Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be Saturday, October 15, 2016 at the Norman First Baptist Church starting at 10:00 AM. Interment will follow at Mt. Gilead Cemetery near Black Springs, Arkansas. The family will receive friends Friday evening, October 14, 2016 from 5:45 PM till 7:45 PM at Norman First Baptist Church, Norman, Arkansas.

Memorial donations may be made to the Norman First Baptist Church, Widow Ministry, 205 Golf Course Road, Norman, Arkansas 71960.

Mark 12:29-31

Cemetery Details

Mt. Gilead Cemetery

Black Springs, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **14**. 5:45 PM - 7:45 PM (CT)

Norman First Baptist Church - Arkansas
205 Golf Course Road
Norman, AR

Service

OCT **15**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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205 Golf Course Road
Norman, AR

Tribute Wall



“ *Florine Graves*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Larry, Andy, and family, my thoughts and prayers for strength and comfort on your loss of Florine Graves. She is in Heaven with our Lord. You all mean a lot to me and the community.*

M.Hyvl

M. Hyvl - October 18, 2016 at 01:30 PM



“ *The Charpie's purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Florine Graves.*



The Charpie's - October 12, 2016 at 05:35 PM



“ *Larry and family. I'm so very sorry for the loss of your Mother. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*
Rhonda Mauldin

Rhonda Mauldin - October 11, 2016 at 09:50 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Florine Graves.*



October 11, 2016 at 06:24 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Your prayers and thoughts are with you all - praying for peace and comfort during this difficult time!*

Todd, Shellie, and Jacquelyne Armstrong

Shellie Armstrong - October 11, 2016 at 03:00 PM



“ *My Aunt Rene was my second momma.. she would always remind me that she and Uncle Bob took me on my 1st car ride when I was a tiny baby. What an awesome lady of great faith! Through the years we have prayed together and shared what God is doing in our lives. Now she is home with her Blessed Savior, a reward for her faith and faithfulness. See you soon Aunt Rene, Bill, Milley, Mom, Dad, Uncle Bob.....*

Nancy Newman - October 11, 2016 at 12:23 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of your loss of this sweet lady. So many memories of how she worked with all the activities Gayla and I were both involved in - 4-H, cheerleading, per wee sports, and so much more. You all are in my prayers in these days and weeks to come.*

Marci Jackson Ward - October 11, 2016 at 12:17 PM

EA

“ Larry & Family, I have never met your Mother but I know she must be one special lady, because she raised one special son (Larry Graves) that has helped and been there for all of Huntsville Texas during this time of need, you gave us love, strength and support. Just know that you and your family have ours now. Extending our deepest sympathies at this time. Love and Prayers

Edd & Terry Artherholt - October 11, 2016 at 09:31 AM

KJ

“ What a special lady! I will never forget a phone call one afternoon after school. She had called me to thank me for being a special teacher to her daughter, Gayla. She lifted my spirits that day. I admired her for her relationship with the Lord and know she is now so happy in her new home. Her life touched me. Karen johnson

karen johnson - October 11, 2016 at 08:36 AM

BP

“ Beverly Pegoda lit a candle in memory of Florine Graves



Beverly Pegoda - October 11, 2016 at 08:18 AM

BP

You are in my thoughts and prayers Mr. Larry Graves. Sorry for your loss.

Beverly Pegoda - October 11, 2016 at 08:18 AM

BB

“ Mrs. Graves was a sweet lady, who was a "mom" to us all. I was honored to have spent time in her home, and to call Gayla my friend. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Bonnie Buzzard - October 11, 2016 at 08:17 AM

SM

“ I pray the all consuming peace of God and presence of the Holy spirit for you and your family.

Sandy Murphy - October 11, 2016 at 07:25 AM

JC

“ James and I want to send you and your family thoughts and prayers.



James and Kim Card - October 11, 2016 at 06:12 AM

PC

“ Lifting up prayers for your family!

Paul and Jessica Compton - October 10, 2016 at 10:07 PM

DS

“ Prayers for the family and friends.

Deborah Sledge - October 10, 2016 at 09:43 PM

PK

“ Dear Larry and family, although I never met your mom, I want to extend our deepest sympathies at this time. You were there for me when I lost both my dad in 1987 and my mom in 1998 and gave me so much support, kindness and you gave me strength. Please know that we are sending all our love and support to you and your family as you go through the loss of your mom. I can't tell you how much your kindness meant to my family. Keeping you all in our prayers.
Phyllis & Bob Kennedy and family

Phyllis & Bob Kennedy - October 10, 2016 at 09:03 PM

MW

“ Larry & Family: I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. I did not ever have the pleasure of meeting her, but her obituary is beautiful. I'm sure she raised all of her children in a Christian home (no matter how often she had to use a peach tree switch to make her point). I can tell you were raised in a loving home by caring parents as you learned to raise your own children and have done a fantastic job yourself. I'm sorry you have lost two of the most important women in your life so close in time. It is hard to lose a parent or a spouse but to lose two such important people in your life within such a short period of time makes it even harder. I know you are a Christian man and both ladies were Christians. By all means it helps to know you will all be together again some day. I prayed for you and your losses and will continue to pray for you. You and your family are loved by so many in Huntsville. We appreciate all the concern and care you have given to our families during our time in need. May God bless you during your time of need.



Mellicent Sikes Wiley - October 10, 2016 at 06:50 PM

BP

“ *Rest In Peace dear lady. My prayers are with Larry. So so sorry for your loss.*



beverly pegoda - October 10, 2016 at 04:37 PM