



Ella Comingdeer

January 15, 1915 - October 25, 2007

Beloved Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Great-Great Grandmother, Sister, and Aunt. She was the dearest of matriarchs, a great friend, and exemplified for many a quiet, faithful spirit. As one of her granddaughters wrote recently, "God bless you, Grandma, for you truly are a virtuous woman, and your children (and grandchildren) do rise up and call you blessed! For your price is far above rubies! THANK YOU for the lesson I learned just by watching your life....love you...." Ella departed this life on October 25, 2007, at the age of 92. The family, however, celebrates both her life and her home going, for Ella's faith and confidence in eternal life in Christ was strong and steadfast. For many years she was a member of the Drumright Assembly of God church; and at the time of her death was a member of the Northside United Pentecostal Church in Ft. Smith, AR. She was a student of the Bible and a woman of prayer, and always found and attended a house of worship wherever she resided. She taught in Drumright Sunday School and Vacation Bible School programs for a number of years. She also participated regularly in the activities of the Women's Missionary Council. Born on January 15, 1915 in Koshkonong, Missouri, Ella was the oldest of six children born to Everett and Eva Ballew Lingle. At an early age, she moved with her family to Siloam Springs, Arkansas. She also lived with her family in a number of rural communities in eastern Oklahoma including Chewey where she completed her eighth grade examinations. She moved in with her grandparents in Siloam Springs to complete one year of high school

at John Brown University. In the 1980's she went through a local educational program in Tahlequah, Oklahoma and received a General Education Diploma. In 1938 Ella met and married Woodrow Carroll of Drumright, Oklahoma. The couple made Drumright their home and six children were born to them over the course of the next number of years: four sons and two daughters. While Woody kept livestock on their farm northeast of Drumright and worked in the oilfield business, Ella managed the household, did the family laundry on a wringer-style washing machine with line drying, and maintained a vegetable garden each year. She enlisted the help of her children as they were able. She hand-made clothing for the children as needed. She was a faithful and loving caregiver to all her children, each of which feels they were their mother's favorite. Ella leaves a host of friends, nieces and nephews, and loved ones. Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren will miss her comfort and cheer. She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Willie Erickson and Lucille Kelly Cramer, and two brothers, Buck and Jimmy Lingle. She is survived by all of her children, Bob Carroll of Drumright, OK; Phyllis Rice of Perry, OK; Donna Garrett of Ft. Smith, AR; Jim Carroll of Goodlettsville, TN; Jerry Carroll of Pittsburg, TX; and Billy Carroll of Drumright, OK. Also she is survived by a sister, Nina Quick of West Siloam , Oklahoma. Her blood descendants at the time of her death totaled fifty-four, including a recently arrived first great-great-grandson. Also revered by those who had married into the family, her daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, and grandchildren by marriage, she leaves the legacy of a long life of faithful example, the memory of a non-judgmental spirit, the demonstration of an ability to communicate true devotion in a simple word, touch, or smile, and the witness to us all that, through Christ, the end of our earthly life begins the greatest adventure of all. Memorial service is scheduled for Monday, October 29, 2007 at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Interment will be at Bell Cemetery near Watts, Oklahoma. Visitation will be Sunday, October 28, 2007 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Wasson Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

AG

“ I have so many good memories.... I know she is a better place, but I miss her smiling face. She was the first person Scott and I took our boys to meet each time we left the hospital. I hope she knows that I love and admire her greatly.

Ashley

Ashely Garrett - September 19, 2012 at 01:07 PM

RJ

“ Ella was a wonderful lady. She was my first boss at the Watts Dairy Bar. Those were the days!

Ella had so much patience with people.

When Tommy her nephew and I were married she was very happy that I was in the family. She made me feel welcome. I think even though Tommy is not here I can speak for him in saying, Auntie he loved you very much.

Honestly, everyone that knew you loved you, you were just that kind of person.

You touched many hearts.

When I think or speak of you I will smile, because you know, you always had a smile and a hug to give regardless who it was.

We will miss you,

Regina, Tonya and Jessica

Regina (Kelley) Jordan - September 19, 2012 at 01:07 PM

SF

“ Though I had little time with her here on earth, I look forward to spending eternity with my dear grandma who always made me feel specially loved.

Sarah E. Franks - September 19, 2012 at 01:07 PM

TF

“ So many wonderful things have already been said about Grandma. I agree with every one of them. She taught me to crochet. I remember sitting with her and crocheting big long chains....I have been thinking of her so much and talking about her over the past few days. I honestly cannot remember her ever being angry. Frustrated maybe, but never angry and never an angry word. She was so special and I loved her incredibly. Love you Grandma. Randi

Troy & Randi Lott & Family - September 19, 2012 at 01:07 PM

RC

“ Grandma is the greatest person and christian I have ever known. Her picture should be in the dictionary next to the word christian. She is the perfect example. This world will never be the same without her. I will miss you grandma.

Robbie Carroll - September 19, 2012 at 01:07 PM

JC

“ Momma, I love you and will miss you. I know you are with Jesus and that is where we all want to be. You were the best Mother anyone could have been blessed with. A wonderful example for everyone you came in contact with. I love you so much and will see you some day in Heaven. Love, Jerry

Jerry Carroll - September 19, 2012 at 01:07 PM

SG

“ Grandma was truly one of my heroes. I can't ever remember hearing a harsh word come out of her mouth. She was one of the sweetest ladies that I've ever known. I'm going to miss her greatly. Grandma thank you for being such a godly example. I hope that I can become half of the person that you were in your lifetime. I love you!

Scott Garrett - September 19, 2012 at 01:07 PM

BC

“ My Mom was the very best!

Bobby Dale Carroll - September 19, 2012 at 01:07 PM

TT

“ One of the LOVELIEST ladies that ever was...She was lovely! Grandma, I have so many wonderful memories...too many to tell, but the best, I guess, is just how you loved your family...Unconditionally..You were overjoyed when we visited you and made us all feel that we were so important...Really, we ALL felt as if we were your favorite...GREAT JOB, Grandma, you were the best!

You kept the faith, finished the course, now rest in the loving arms of the God that you served and loved for all these years! You will be loved and remembered always!

Tracey Thomas

Tracey Thomas - September 19, 2012 at 01:07 PM

MV

“ My Grandmother was truly a great woman. She never gave up on me. God used her to share His message of love. The seed was planted and eventually sprouted. I love my grandmother very much. I am so happy for her. Today she is dancing on streets of gold. You go Grandma

Michael Vines - September 19, 2012 at 01:07 PM

SJ

“ There are so many things that could be said and have been said about this Great Lady. My sister said she had never heard a harsh word come out of her mouth and as I think about that it is so true. We can all learn a lot of lessons by just thinking about her life and taking those lessons and applying them to our own lives. She will be so very missed and will always have a very special place in my heart and mind. Grandma, I Love You so Much.

Sam Garrett Jr.

Sam Garrett Jr. - September 19, 2012 at 01:07 PM