



Velta Whitby

July 27, 1917 - January 7, 2005

Velta Lee Whitby, 88-year-old resident of Kansas, Oklahoma, died Saturday, January 7, 2006, at Siloam Springs Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Born July 27, 1917, in Oaks, Oklahoma, she was the daughter of Joseph Sisk and Pearl Crone Sisk. Velta had lived in Kansas for over 50 years. She was a homemaker and a dairy farmer. Velta worked on the family ranch with her husband Roy "Slim" Whitby whom she married January 5, 1935. She enjoyed listening to blue grass music, sewing and cooking. Velta was a long time member of the Kansas Church of Christ, Kansas, Oklahoma. She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; sister, Velma; brother Vivian; and granddaughter Gwen Valdeck. Survivors include step-son, Lyle Whitby and wife Darlene of Sedalia, Colorado; step-daughters, June Tullos of Sedalia; Iris Rawls of Cripple Creek, Colorado; Mary Ruth Valdeck and husband Jim of Aurora, Colorado; 8 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; a great-great granddaughter; cousins, Buena Ferguson Cashion of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; and LaVon Crone Webb of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Visitation will be 6:30 to 8:00 pm Tuesday, January 10, 2006, at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Funeral services will be 2:00 pm Wednesday, January 11, at Wasson Memorial Chapel, Siloam Springs. Burial will follow in Kansas Cemetery, Kansas, Oklahoma. Arrangements are under the direction of Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

Tribute Wall

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JR

“ Our dearest Velta - I will remember all of our long trips to visit you from Colorado to Oklahoma. My sister and I will remember the time that we wore our Strawberry Shortcake footed p.j's and our rainbow belts from WalMart and jigged with Granddaddy. I will also remember the times that JR would wear his boots and cowboy hat "just like granddaddy" I will always remember the yummy coconut cakes and texas sheet cake. We will miss you very much. Love always - JuneFrances and Steven

JuneFrances & Steven Rodda - September 19, 2012 at 11:36 AM

DA

“ Dear Velta,

What fond memories we have of our visits with you and Granddad, even if they were few and far between! From the first time watching the Sunday roping, riding, and learning how to herd the calves, to the hot days spent at the creek or river, or in the front yard under the shade of the pecan tree listening to bluegrass or country music, the dancing and jigging, old-time stories, and the playing of dominos and spoons. Of course, you will always be remembered for your wonderful cooking and deserts, your Southern hospitality, your vivacious personality, and especially the love you showed while rocking my babies to sleep. I am so glad that you and Granddad found each other and that you were part of our lives. You will be with us forever in our hearts.

Love, Debbie & Ellis

Debbie Whitby Acker - September 19, 2012 at 11:36 AM

DP

“ Velta,

I remember fondly my visits with you and Granddad in Oklahoma. I enjoyed the sharing of stories, the dancing of jigs, and of course, your wonderful cooking! Above all, I will keep with me your warm hospitality, generosity, and fun loving spirit. You will always be in my heart.

*Love,
Diana*

Diana Priest - September 19, 2012 at 11:36 AM

“With loving memories . . . Velta Lee Whitby, our little Velta, was a Mother, a grandmother, a great grandmother, a great-great grandmother. From the first day she saw Slim Whitby in 1934, she became Granddaddy's Sweetheart. If you saw Slim Whitby, you knew Velta was close by. Velta was never too busy to stop and say Howdy.

Way back on that sunny day in 1934, Velta was hanging out laundry, her red hair just barely above the clothesline when a tall, long, slim cowboy said "Hey there, little red . . ." Later on Velta went into the house and told her momma she met the man she was going to marry.

Velta described herself as a homemaker, and she was, but she was so much more. She was Granddaddy's life long partner with the horses, the cattle, the sheep, the dairy farm, the hound dogs and with Bluegrass music. Granddaddy was an 'ol horse trader, anything on the ranch could be traded or sold, anything except Velta.

Granddaddy was six feet four inches tall, Velta was four foot eleven inches short. When they milked those big 'ol dairy cows, you could just barely see Velta's red hair bobbin' along. And when she dressed up in those high heels, she took your breath away, such a cute little thing with that big smile and twinkling eyes.

And, then there was the cookin' that Velta did - Granddaddy loved sweets - homemade ice cream, cherry cobbler, coconut cake, pecan pie and peanut brittle. Granddaddy shook that pan just right as Velta poured out the peanut brittle. If you ever tasted Velta's Texas Chocolate Sheet Cake, you tasted the best dessert in town.

Granddaddy and Velta's love continues to sustain four generations of horsemen - from Appaloosa to Arabians to Paints to Quarter-horses to Thoroughbreds. Western show, western pleasure and race horses.

Granddaddy and Velta's love continues to sustain four generations of Country Music - from Bluegrass to Gospel to Rock an' Roll. They loved to play country western music and whenever one of their favorite songs came on, they would two step all around the kitchen, even if Velta was cooking breakfast bacon. And, after all the adults had breakfast and the little ones woke up, Velta fixed breakfast

*again. Can't you just hear her laugh and say "Cereal? Why they're just as good as us!" And, those babies had a real breakfast, too. Granddaddy and Velta's love truly symbolizes eternity - the past, present and future. Their past brought us to the present - all of us, family and friends. Velta and Granddaddy's legacy for our future are the western values of their lifetime - the love of God, family and country.
In God's Light, Velta and Granddaddy are reunited, sweethearts forever.*

J. Frances T. Anderson - September 19, 2012 at 11:36 AM

SV

“ *Velta, we loved you so much. Your constant smile and infectious laugh, your love of bluegrass music and touring the festivals with Granddad, your wonderful cooking are some of the things I will miss most. You are forever in our hearts.*

*Love,
Steve and Cindy*

Steven and Cynthia Valdeck - September 19, 2012 at 11:36 AM

MC

“ *I appreciated getting to know Ms. Velta. She was a wonderful lady. She will be missed very much, but I know that she now has a peace beyond words. Your whole family is in my thoughts and prayers.
Sincerely, Mary Cox*

Mary Janes Cox - September 19, 2012 at 11:36 AM