



## Lorene Beckham

August 24, 1926 - December 10, 2019

Services honoring Lela "Lorene" Beckham will be 1:00 p.m., Friday, December 13, 2019 at The Assembly, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Burial will follow at Floral Haven Memorial Gardens. Viewing will be at the funeral home on Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with family there to greet visitors from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Lela Lorene Lemon Coffelt Beckham, 93, passed away Tuesday, December 10, 2019 surrounded by her family. She was born August 24, 1926 to Ray and Lela Dessie Lowery Lemon in Broken Arrow, OK. She attended Broken Arrow Public Schools graduating with the Class of 1944. Lorene was the oldest of six children born to Ray and Dessie.

She married Carl Coffelt in 1946 and he passed away in September 1968. She married her second husband Paul Beckham in 1971. He passed away in September 1990.

Lorene worked for Oral Roberts Evangelist Association after Carl's death. She later began working at Broken Arrow Public Schools Administrative Offices where she retired in 1989.

She loved camping, fishing and traveling. After Paul's death, she went on several family vacations with Richard and Janet. She also travelled with her Golden Girls going on many cruises. She loved the Oklahoma Sooners and

the Oklahoma City Thunders as she called them. She cut out the weekly sports schedule in the newspaper and kept it close by to make sure she was on the right channel at the right time.

Lorene started attending the Broken Arrow Assembly of God Church in 1942 and has remained a faithful member until her death. She served as the Harbor Lights Sunday School Secretary for 50 years retiring in 2012. Even though her health had prevented her from attending church services, she was faithful to tithe each month. She and her sister Pauline would watch the services each week at her home through their live stream video. She would even sing along during praise and worship right from her living room.

Lorene loved her family. She was so proud of her children and grandchildren and was given bonus children and grandchildren when she and Paul were married. She was an incredible cook who rarely followed recipes to the exact measurement. Her famous peanut butter pies were a family favorite at Christmas time and her Chocolate Pie was a worldwide favorite. Lorene was very talented in quilting and crocheting. She also loved her garden. She quilted for years at the Assembly on Tuesday mornings. Many are recipients of her most precious handmade quilts. Her final and last quilt was an airplane quilt she made for her great-grandson Davis. All the stockings that are hung each year at Janet's house are made by her with each name crocheted on it. She even made some extras to have for future great-grandchildren. She loved her garden and had tomatoes growing just this past summer. She just couldn't give it up. She wanted her own homegrown tomatoes. She was always in competition with her son-in-law Richard to see who got the first tomato of the year.

Lorene is survived by her son, Carl Wayne Coffelt of Broken Arrow; daughter Janet Pitts and husband, Dr. Richard Pitts of Sapulpa; step-son, Ted Beckham and wife Judy of Pinehurst, TX;

Grandchildren Dr. Adam Pitts and wife Dr. Maggie Pitts of Nashville, TN; Mindy Pitts of Sapulpa; Step-grandchildren Garry Fletcher of Tulsa, Angela Beckham of Collinsville and Kevin Metzger of Broken Arrow. Her great-grandchildren are Dax Cooper and Davis Pitts. Her step-great grandchildren are Lauren, Lindsey, Madison and Michael Fletcher.

She is also survived by her sisters Pauline Eller of Broken Arrow and Norma Arnold and Don of Grove, her brother Onis Lemon and Susan of Topeka, KS and sister-in-law Nancy Lemon of Russellville, AR.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, step- daughters Karen Metzger and Paula Fletcher, her sister Virginia Crutchfield and brother LeRoy Lemon.

# Cemetery Details

## Floral Haven Memorial Gardens

6500 S. 129th E. Ave.  
Tulsa, OK 74012  
(918) 252-2518

# Previous Events

## Viewing

DEC 12. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home  
1660 South Elm Place  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
(918) 258-9623  
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Visitation

DEC 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home  
1660 South Elm Place  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
(918) 258-9623  
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

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DEC 13. 1:00 PM (CT)

The Assembly  
3500 W. New Orleans  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
(918) 251-8591  
<http://www.theassembly.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lorene Beckham*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *Ms Beckham was one of the sweetest ladies I ever met. Prayers for you all.*

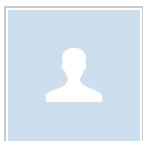
**Jennifer McKinzie** - December 20, 2019 at 10:20 PM



“ *Full Heart was purchased for the family of Lorene Beckham.*



December 13, 2019 at 09:45 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lorene Beckham.*



December 11, 2019 at 11:15 PM



“ *Lorene was the most outgoing, positive fun lady. Always with a huge smile and a great laugh. She will be greatly missed.*

**Julie Hardin** - December 11, 2019 at 09:51 PM

TF

“ *The Janata and Hardin Families purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Lorene Beckham.*



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**The Janata and Hardin Families** - December 11, 2019 at 09:49 PM

WB

“ *Lorene was a very special lady. Always had a very sweet spirit about her. I had the privilege of hand quilting with her at the church every Tuesday for the last 14 years. She was just one year younger than my Mother and so I always told her she was my second mother. I will miss her very much. My prayers to out to the entire family.*

*Wanda Brown*

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**Wanda Brown** - December 11, 2019 at 07:10 PM

SS

“ *Lorene was such a genuinely sweet person. She will be missed by everyone who knew her. I feel Blessed to have known her and wish there were more people like her in this world. Thank you Lorene, for being such a positive influence in our lives.*

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**Suzy Stewart** - December 11, 2019 at 06:18 PM

HH

“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Beckham family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Lorene.*



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**Hayhurst Funeral Home** - December 11, 2019 at 09:14 AM

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*Such a special lady who will be missed by all who knew her. Love you Lorene. Greg and Susan Newburn*

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**Susan Newburn** - December 11, 2019 at 04:54 PM

JY

*Lorene was without a doubt one of the sweetest, most beautiful Christian witnesses we ever met. Shortly after moving here in 1975, we met all of the Lemon girls and each of them were equally the same. We worked the doors for the church on Sundays when Lorene was able to come, regardless of how she felt, she always had her beautiful smile. We are truly enriched to have know Lorene.*

*Jack and Lana Yates*

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**Jack Yates** - December 11, 2019 at 10:17 PM

MT

*I worked with Lorene at BAPS for a number of years. Her Christian witness always stood out. She had a sweet, happy personality. Condolence to her family for she will be missed.*

*Marilyn Cates Tackett*

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**Marilyn Tackett** - December 12, 2019 at 12:04 PM

RG

*Lorene will be missed. What a wonderful friend she was to my mother. I remember her and Paul camping and traveling with my mom and dad. Also, after both Paul's were gone, they still took trips to together with the other Golden Girls and went to dinner most every Friday night. My prayers are for comfort, peace and wonderful memories for her family. God Bless, Randy Graves*

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**Randy Graves** - December 12, 2019 at 12:41 PM

DB

*I can remember Lorene about as long as anyone I can remember! Mom and Dad started attending the Assembly of God in Broken Arrow in 1955 when I was two. Her and Pauline are two of my favorites and were dear friends of my mother. She led an incredible life and shared her kindness, her wisdom, her faith with everyone she met! What an amazing family and role model for all of us. ALL the angels in Heaven stopped to sing praise when the pearly gates opened wide for Lorene. Prayers for her family and friends. Broken Arrow will never be the same again.*

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**Danny Beck** - December 12, 2019 at 05:14 PM