



Nelda Merrell

March 9, 1926 - August 25, 2019

Nelda Ward Merrell passed away August 25, 2019.

Born March 9, 1926, to Ernest and Drucella Ward, Nelda enjoyed growing up with the fun of a large family and small town friends in Slaton, Texas.

She married the love of her life, Lowell Merrell, in 1944, and they began building their own family even as he served in WWII.

After Lowell's service, they moved their family to Oklahoma City to continue their educations at the colleges available there, all the while expanding their family.

Nelda attended Southwestern Bible college where she enjoyed the Scriptural studies and musical ministries. She subsequently continued her educational efforts at Oklahoma City University, focusing on developing her musical talents, and earning highest academic recognitions and placements.

When Lowell joined the Oral Roberts Ministries in 1956 and the family moved to Tulsa, Nelda used her talents and skills in leading church choirs, church bible teachings, and Sunday School teachings.

She moved her family back to West Texas when her husband began managing a family business enterprise and continued her generous work supporting the development of others in church educational programs,

Scriptural study groups, and musical activities.

Nelda's life was always focused on giving and supporting others; the many lives touched by her life of service provided a source of love, support, and inspiration for all who know her in the many venues in which she enjoyed participation.

She is preceded in her journey to her forever home by her parents, three adoring brothers, and a devoted sister.

She is survived by her loving and faithful husband, Lowell, who held her hand continually as she bravely travelled the last leg of her journey home; three sons, John (Ruth), Barry (Edde), and Joe Bob; and two daughters, Judy and Kathy (Tony Ryser). Sixteen grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren honor her matriarchal love and devotion. A plethora of nieces and nephews will miss her laughter and loving spirit.

Friends may visit Hayhurst Funeral Home in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, on Thursday, August 29, from 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM with family members receiving visitors from 6:00 to 8:00 in the evening.

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG **29**. 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

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Tribute Wall



“ *Nelda Merrell*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *Shawn Clagg purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Nelda Merrell.*



Shawn Clagg - August 28, 2019 at 03:34 PM



“ *Glenna Victory lit a candle in memory of Nelda Merrell*



Glenna Victory - August 28, 2019 at 06:54 AM



“ *I am so honored to have known Nelda. Her smile, although I had to work on getting one out of her, brightened my day. You will be missed sweet lady.*

Glenna Victory - August 28, 2019 at 06:54 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nelda Merrell.*



August 27, 2019 at 11:09 PM



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



Hayhurst Funeral Home - August 26, 2019 at 06:35 AM