



Rena Rucker

December 21, 1927 - December 24, 2017

Services honoring the life of Rena Mae Rucker will be 10:00 a.m., Thursday, December 28, 2017 at Hayhurst Funeral Home. Rena was born on December 21, 1927 in Standing Rock, Oklahoma to Mount and Bunt (Carlile) Cookson. Rena passed away on Sunday, December 24, 2017 at the age of 90, surrounded by her loving family.

Rena graduated from high school in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. She married Jack Rucker and their union was blessed with three children. A member of the Cherokee Nation, Rena was the ultimate matriarch of her family. She adored her family and loved spending time with them, especially her grandchildren. Rena enjoyed playing with her grandchildren in the creek and pastures surrounding her farm, and cooking them their favorite foods.

Rena was owner and operator of Jincy's Kitchen in Qualls, Oklahoma for many years and will be remembered by many in Cherokee County for her incredible pies, biscuits and gravy, and fried chicken. Rena enjoyed watching horse races, bird watching and caring for her cattle, horses and border collies. She liked to go nearby lakes and rivers to fish with her friends and family. She also had a green thumb and enjoyed gardening, growing flowers and vegetables.

Rena's gift was her kindheartedness; she could get away with saying what

others could not. More than anything, Rena cared deeply about the wellbeing of her friends and family. Rena was loved and respected by her community because she let anyone into her ever-growing family, and her stubborn yet kind nature brought countless smiles to those lucky enough to know her.

Rena is survived by,

Children, Cyndi Jackson and husband Vann, Broken Arrow, OK

Debbie Rucker, Qualls, Oklahoma

Daughter-in-law, Jan Rucker, Tahlequah, OK

Grandchildren, Rebecca Guzman and husband Jesus, Broken Arrow, OK

Rendy Mattler and husband Robert, Chewy, OK

Jacob Ballard, Tahlequah, OK

Haleigh Wisotsky and husband Emerson, Jenks, OK

Shelby Jackson, Oakland, CA

Great Grandchildren, Aubrey Edwards, Broken Arrow, OK

Jincy Mattler, Chewy, OK

Rena was preceded in death by her parents, husband Jack and beloved son Doc Rucker.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC **28**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rena Rucker*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *Cindy I am so sorry to hear about your Mother. She touched so many lives and was loved by all.*

Elizabeth and Margie Ballew

Elizabeth Ballew - March 08, 2018 at 02:09 PM



“ *Many years ago we lived on Indian Road. In the summer we would ride our horses over Sellers Mountain to have breakfast. We enjoyed your Mom so much we named a beautiful filly Jincy. We need more ladies with her smile and grace in this world. I am sorry for your family's loss.*

Jana McCullough Evensen - December 31, 2017 at 12:57 PM

MC

“ *Deb and Cyndi,
We (Larry Culver, Cathy Culver McClean, Mary Culver Carlile, and Karig Culver) were so sad to learn of Rena Mae's passing. Our mom and dad, Ruby & L.L., always said she was the best neighbor we ever had! When we lived beside you on Fuller Street, Rena would bring us wonderful homemade food such as peach cobbler and a big pot of beans with cornbread. No one in our family could cook like that! We cherished her true friendship. Our mom enjoyed her so much. One day when it snowed, Rena and mamma rode the "tumble tub" down the hill of our driveway and we all laughed till we cried. We have precious memories of her taking Karig and me fishing at your dock on Lake Tenkiller at night- what an adventure for us! We will never forget her kindness, gracious demeanor, and her outreach to so many of us who grew up in Cherokee County. Your family, her friends, and the community of Cherokee County have lost a true treasure.*

Our family is sending a contribution to "Doctors without Borders" in honor of Rena Mae's life of caring and sharing.

Love and peace to you all

The Culver family

Mary Culver Carlile - December 28, 2017 at 02:10 PM

ML

“ *Rena was one of the most beautiful people I have ever known. She was a regal lady, but was still the kind and friendly to everyone. She will be missed.*

Mary and Ernie Lower - December 28, 2017 at 10:31 AM

TH

“ *Deb our thoughts and prayers are with you!Your momma was a fun lady.Tawnya Huffman*

Tawnya Huffman - December 27, 2017 at 10:50 PM

SM

“ *Deb and Family...so sorry for your loss. Mike, Sue Ann, Blake and Logan Maxey.*

Sue Ann Maxey - December 27, 2017 at 09:18 PM

KH

“ *Deb ,, so sorry for the loss of your mother my prayers are with you during this most difficult time Love u my friend
Karen Poor Hubbard*



Karen Hubbard - December 27, 2017 at 07:39 PM

KE

“ *Kelly and Billye Klaus & Emily purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Rena Rucker.*



Kelly and Billye Klaus & Emily - December 26, 2017 at 11:25 PM

CY

“ 1 file added to the album Mom



Cyndi - December 25, 2017 at 11:28 AM

IB

Cyndi, your Mom was one special lady. It was so sweet the way she always asked me how my Mother was doing. My heart hurts for you and your family... may The Lord comfort you all at this time of sorrow.
Iris Bailey

Iris Bailey - December 26, 2017 at 09:49 PM

NI

My Rena... I love you so much and miss you daily.... I'm so happy I got to spend your last days with you. You lit up my life and made my days easy... I love you so much. I will never forget you or the time we spent. I'm so happy I got to be apart of your family!!!! Nikki Cole

Nikki - December 27, 2017 at 10:10 AM

AR

We love you and will miss you I'm glad I got to know you and your family nay you Rest In Peace. This is from Angela and Bo Rice from Midland, Texas.

Angela Rice - December 27, 2017 at 05:20 PM

KH

Rest in peace Rena.

Karla (Kirk) Hopkins - December 27, 2017 at 07:07 PM

LH

I worked with your mother at Walmart years ago, she was always so kind to me..so sorry for your loss, Lesa Horney

Lesa Horney - December 27, 2017 at 08:41 PM

HH

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



Hayhurst Funeral Home - December 24, 2017 at 02:25 PM

LS

Debbie, I'm so sorry I am just seeing this. Your mom was quite a lady in so many ways. She will be missed by many. My thoughts are with you. I will forever remember her voice, and wit from our many many years at Walmart.

Laura Sequichie-Henson - December 30, 2017 at 12:37 AM

CR

Hi Debbie & Cindy My name is Craig Rucker son of Chuck & Maryann Rucker. I came across this when looking for family around the country. It has been a long time since we visited i was very young when My family drove from Ca to Ok. Any way just thought i would say Hi and reach out. Sorry for your mom's passing my Mom and Dad are no longer with us also. Take care regards Craig.

Craig Rucker - May 27, 2024 at 11:52 AM