



Thelma Yuvonne Showman

December 5, 1915 - August 25, 2015

Funeral Services for Miss Thelma have been scheduled for 11:00AM, Friday, August 28, 2015 at First United Methodist Church in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Rev. Desi Sharp will officiate. Private Interment will take place at Park Grove Cemetery in Broken Arrow, under the direction of Hayhurst Funeral Home.

On Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at 11:20 AM Thelma Yuvonne Spurgin Showman, also affectionately called Miss Thelma, pirouetted her way up those Golden Stairs and passed through the Pearly Gates. Her lifelong passion for dance touched literally thousands of pupils, who studied many types of dance at her school. She taught for 65 years at her studio in Broken Arrow, and in her Tulsa studio for 5 years. She traveled the world in search of dance knowledge to pass on to her students and to bask in the beauty of her chosen art form.

Thelma was born in Bixby, Oklahoma on Sunday, December 5, 1915. Her goal to live to 100 years of age was cut short by only 3 months. She was the last of her generation in her family, being preceded in death by her parents, J.G. and Lily (Street) Spurgin, 5 siblings, and her husband of 68 years, Paul Showman of Broken Arrow.

Thelma is survived by her only child, Paula Showman Bridges and her only grandchild, Valerie Bridges, both of Broken Arrow.

As much as Thelma loved trees and flowers, she requested no flowers for her service. Instead she prefers donations be made to her favorite charities, John 3:16 Mission or the Salvation Army, or to a charity of your choice in her memory.

Cemetery Details

Park Grove Cemetery

1000 W. Houston St.
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 259-8691

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG 27. 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

AUG 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Methodist Church
112 E. College Street
Broken Arrow, OK 74012

Tribute Wall



“ *Thelma Yuvonne Showman*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *My family has been intertwined with Miss Thelma and her husband, Mr Paul since before I was born. My Dad, Ace, worked in Mr Paul's garage when he was in high school. I was told a story once that Miss Thelma said I should be named Acette after my Dad, as she did with Miss Paula.*

April Saxton - September 01, 2015 at 03:12 AM



I and my sisters, Kristi and Casey took lessons in ballet and tap from her for years.

Dance on, you Grande Dame.

April Saxton - September 01, 2015 at 03:14 AM



“ *Miss Thelma helped me recover from heart attacks and cancer, thanks to tap dancing lessons helping me get my exercise. One time, after getting stents in my heart, I went to a tap dancing lesson the next day. As she promised, Miss Thelma had me sit on a stationary stool and work on the steps, instead of trying to stand up and work. She believed in dance as a great way to recover from such afflictions and it showed in her dedication to staying active after having her own health issues. One of the greatest role models I've ever had.*

Renee' La Viness - August 29, 2015 at 02:26 PM

RL

(That's supposed to be Renee' La Viness. I guess it doesn't do 2 part names.)

Renee' LaViness - August 29, 2015 at 02:28 PM

LH

“ *I was so sorry to hear of Miss Thelma's passing. She taught me from the ages of 8-12. I was so thrilled when she said I was ready for pointe. The dance song I can still sing is "Kitty the Cat" and I still have all my costumes! I loved dance thanks to Thelma.*

Linda Houk - August 28, 2015 at 06:24 PM



“ *What a wonderful person and roll model. A teacher extraordinaire. My teacher starting at 7 yrs old to 17. Some of my best memories were of dance class and Miss Thelma. I loved her and will truly miss her.*



Julie Dial - August 27, 2015 at 02:22 PM



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Hayhurst Funeral Home - August 27, 2015 at 10:28 AM



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