



Alpha M Ross

November 23, 1923 - May 5, 2015

MRS. ALPHA M. ROSS

“Grandma” Alpha Ross, 91, of Caney, KS passed away on May 5, 2015 while surrounded by her loving family.

Alpha was born on November 12, 1923 in Caney, KS to George and Maude (Adcock) Vernon. She was one of 23 siblings, and was raised in Caney, where she lived the majority of her life.

Alpha began raising the first of 8 children from her home just before the start of the World War II, and though she spent a few years traveling through different states during her early adult life, she always seemed to return to Caney, KS as her home. After World War II, she and her family returned to Caney, where she made her permanent residence.

Alpha worked for Phillips Petroleum and held multiple positions within the company until her retirement in the early '90's after 25 years of service.

During her spare time, Alpha had a love of sewing, painting, and crafts of all kinds. Many of her award winning creations, including but not limited to custom dolls and tea towels, have been purchased and traveled around the globe. On Saturday mornings, she could always be found in her home, watching “The Art of Painting with Bob Ross” and painting images of all shapes and sizes.

She would also frequently use her passion and talents for crafting to volunteer her time making poppies for the American Legion during the week leading up

to Memorial Day. Alpha was a firm believer in remembering her family and fallen soldiers, and would spend holidays such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day placing flowers and other items at graveside.

Alpha created a legacy of family, and is a mother to a total of 8 children; Grandmother to 14 Grandchildren; Great-Grandmother to 23 children; Great-Great-Grandmother to 12 children; and finally a Great-Great-Great Grandmother to 1 child.

Alpha is survived by four sons, Fred Ross of Grove, OK; Ron Ross of Caney, KS; Louie Ross Jr. of Neodesha, KS; Billy Ross of Dewey, OK; and one daughter, Denise Cox of Bartlesville, OK.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Maude Vernon; 3 sons, Alfred Ross, Lee Louie Ross, and George Ross; two Grandchildren, Louie G. Ross III and Delbert Ross. She was also the remaining survivor of the 23 siblings.

Despite her passing, her legacy will live on throughout generations of her family, as she was truly a wonderful individual who chose to make a difference in the world.

Alpha will be laid to rest at Sunnyside Cemetery in Caney, KS, after a graveside memorial service on Thursday May 14th, 2015 at 11:00. Friends who wish may sign the online guest book and leave condolences at www.stumpff.org.

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Tribute Wall

JA

“ To the family,y deepest sympathies. Alpha was a dear friend who believed in me and cared for me in tough times. Such a good grandma to all her grandchildren. They "rise up and call her blessed." --Joey

Jo Lynne Abbott - May 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Sorry for you and your family's loss. She'll be very much missed.. God bless you all.

Brooks and Carla Mantooth - May 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ She will be remembered in our hearts.

Steve Ross - May 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WR

“ I will miss you

Wanda Ross - May 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I will miss you Grandma Alpha. My heart has been broken since Tuesday, but I know we will see each other again. I will never forget you, and will carry you with me until the end of my days. Your body is gone, you are in heaven, but you will always be with me and my house. I love you!

Matt Cox - May 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM