



JoAnn K. Bracken

November 21, 1927 - December 14, 2013

Mrs. JoAnn K. Bracken

Mrs. JoAnn K. Bracken, 86, of Barnsdall, died at 9:15 P.M. on Saturday, December 14, 2013 at the Barnsdall Nursing Home.

Funeral services for Mrs. Bracken will be held at 10:30 A.M. Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at the First Baptist Church in Barnsdall. Interment will be in the Ethel Reece Cemetery at Barnsdall directed by the Stumpff Barnsdall Funeral Home.

Visitation will be held at the Stumpff Barnsdall Funeral Home from 9 A.M. until 8 P.M. on Tuesday.

A memorial fund has been established and those who wish may send their contributions In Memory of JoAnn Bracken to the International Rett Syndrome Foundation, P.O. Box 706143, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45270.

Mrs. Bracken was born on November 21, 1927 at Melrose, Kansas to Elijah John Kelley and Hattie Mae (Hendrickson) Kelley. She moved to Barnsdall with her family as a child, attended Barnsdall Schools and graduated from Barnsdall High School in 1947. She was married to Harold Ray "Brack" Bracken on February 4, 1945 at her sister Mona's home in Barnsdall. Mr. and Mrs. Bracken made their home in Barnsdall and Mr. Bracken was employed with the Woods Lumber Company in Barnsdall. They moved to Shidler in 1963 where Mr. Bracken operated the Woods Lumber Co in Shidler and Mrs. Bracken was active as a seamstress. Mrs. Bracken made wedding dresses, cheerleader's outfits and other various clothing items and was also active in

making quilts. They returned to Barnsdall in 1971 and Mr. Bracken operated the Woods Lumber Co in Barnsdall until his death on June 13, 1993. Mrs. Bracken had also been an active employee of the lumber company. Mrs. Bracken was a member of the First Baptist Church in Barnsdall where she was baptized as a member in 1937. She loved all of her family, children, grandchildren, step grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Mrs. Bracken is survived by her four children, George Bracken and wife Jody of Pawhuska, Okla., Jim Bracken and wife Cheryl of Oologah, Okla., Ann Simmons of Richardson, Texas and Judy VanWinkle of Barnsdall, Okla., eight grandchildren, five step grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. In addition to her husband she was also preceded in death by her parents, five brothers, four sisters, one son-in-law, and an infant grandson.

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Tribute Wall

KH

“ I just heard about Aunt Jo's passing. What a special lady! My mother always talked about the good times that she had growing up with JoAnn. My thoughts and prayers are with you Judy, Ann, George, and Jim.

Karen Hudson - December 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ We will miss Aunt Jo so much. She was one of the loveliest ladies in the whole world. I am sorry that we cannot be there for the funeral. We are praying for all of you during this difficult time.

Kristi Kelley Grubbs - December 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ Judy,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Frieda Jones Family - December 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FJ

“ Judy,
Our thoughts, prayers, deepest sympathy, and our love at the loss of your special Mother

Frieda Jones - December 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ What a wonderful life she led and what a great example she was to so many. If you are going to live a good life, this is how you should live it. I am thankful to have known her and oh my, what beautiful smile!

Kirk Dixon - December 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *Judy - you all are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Kim Richards - December 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VG

“ *My prayers and sympathy to all. JoAnn was a sweet and generous soul - and made the world a better place.*

Vicki Hathcoat Godbehere - December 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *We loved Aunt Jo very much. Jo was a wonderful lady and was a blessing!*

Ron & Mary Ann Forrest - December 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM