



Thelma Saathoff

July 28, 1928 - November 6, 2020

Early November 6th, 2020, Neda Thelma Saathoff of Anadarko, Oklahoma, died at the age of 92. She passed away at her daughter's home in Yukon under hospice care. Thelma was born to Johnnie Riddle and Neda Thornton Riddle on July 28, 1928 in Glenwood, Arkansas. Nicknamed "Farmer", Thelma grew up a tomboy with two sisters and four brothers. She worked as a telephone operator, a hospital aide, and a photo store film developer. Most of the time she was working on the family farm. Thelma and Eugene Saathoff were married June 28, 1948 in Anadarko and had two children. They lived in Anadarko, Wichita, Kansas, Tuttle, Banner and back to Anadarko. Thelma and Gene were married 58 years before a farm accident took him in 2007. Always active, Thelma enjoyed crafts, painting, ceramics and gardening. She was a Bible class teacher and taught plaster paris, cooking and sewing to her daughter's girlfriends. She kept the church flowerbeds and helped mow the lawn. Thelma was a Christian wife, a loving mother, grandmother and friend. She was a member of the Gracemont Church of Christ. She is survived by her son, Gary Saathoff & wife, Jonie of Anadarko; daughter, Linda Conley & husband, Byron of Yukon; 4 grandchildren: Lynn Saathoff of Anadarko, Carol Winfrey of Yukon, Lechelle Smith of Yukon and Matthew Conley of Yukon; 1 sister, Trovia Elrod of Cement; 1 brother, "Butch" Riddle of Texhoma. There are also numerous great and great great grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews. Graveside services will be at 2:00 P.M., Monday, November 9, 2020 at Memory Lane Cemetery, Anadarko. Services are under the direction of

Smith Funeral Home, Anadarko, Oklahoma. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.smithfuneralservices.com

Tribute Wall

BS

“ There are so many amazing memories to choose from. Mornings at her house were always my favorite. She would make sure we made our beds and then would make us pancakes and chocolate milk. I remember asking her a few years ago what her recipe was for those pancakes (because they were literally the best!) and she said she just made it out of a box! 😭 She was the most loving person and I'm going to miss her so much.

Brena Saathoff - November 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ There are way too many stories or memories to share, but one of my favorite memories is spending every summer out at their house and having our family reunions out there. We would play games all day long and have the best bonding time. Grandma and grandpas house was the place to be during the summer! 💕

Taylor Rinehart - November 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ I would go spend all summer in Anadarko with grandma and grandpa. I would help her with VBS every year. We would pick blackberry's, apples and sand plumbs. I remember one year when we were little we made cookies. The kitchen was a mess. Flour and sprinkles every place in ever crevas and every hole. We had a blast. I love you grandma.

Carol Winfrey - November 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ *My grandma was quite the fisherwomen she loved to go fishing. My kids and I got to take her fishing couple months ago she had fun even though all we caught was turtles. Also when I was little was told I'd go take all my clothes off and play in the chicken water cause the chickens would get in my wading pool. Grandma also loved camping*

Gary Lynn Saathoff jr. - November 06, 2020 at 12:00 AM