



Claudine Ruth Schell

August 6, 1929 - March 31, 2020

SCHELL, CLAUDINE RUTH, loving wife, mother, and grandmother passed from this life Tuesday, March 31, 2020 in Tulsa, OK. She was born August 6, 1929 in Tulsa to Chester Dewey Pittman and Sarah Ann (Gallamore Peigh) Pittman. Claudine spent her early years near Tulsa and Flint Creek, graduating from Central High School.

In 1946, Claudine married Finis Gerald (Jerry) Schell after meeting him at Crystal City amusement park in Tulsa. Claudine and Jerry had their daughter Judy in 1949. After several years in Tulsa, they moved to Broken Arrow to live in the country with horses and wildlife, then to Flint Ridge near the Ozarks before moving back to Tulsa in 2013.

Claudine's first job was a soda fountain girl at Crown Drug Store in downtown Tulsa, then a switchboard operator at Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, nursing assistant, candle and flower shop owner, and beautician. She enjoyed the outdoors, reading the Bible, and playing the organ and piano. Her love for animals led to horses, goats, chickens, parakeets, cats, and dogs, including her beloved Chihuahua, Cokie.

Claudine was preceded in death by her parents; in-laws Fred and Effie Henry; and brother Virgil Pittman; Claudine is survived by daughter Judy Spraker; grandchildren Rachel Boeckman (husband Tim) and Gretchen Spraker; father

of Claudine's grandchildren Ed Spraker; sister-in-law Irene Pittman; and many family and friends.

The family would like to thank St. John's Hospital, Geriatric Center of Tulsa, Hometown Hospice and Oxford Healthcare for their care for Claudine during her final years with us. The family has been assisted with arrangements by Serenity Funerals & Crematory in Tulsa. A prayer service for Claudine officiated by Rev. Alan McBroom will take place at Bell Cemetery in West Siloam Springs, OK.