



Annabelle Russell

November 11, 1925 - July 21, 2024

Annabelle Russell, age 98, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on July 21, 2024, in Grove, Oklahoma. She was born on November 11, 1925, in Hubbard, Texas to James C. and Marian (Gray) Walthall.

Annabelle graduated from Waco High School in 1943 and later attended Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas. She dedicated many years of service as an Administrative Assistant to the Dean of Students at Phillips University in Enid, Oklahoma where she was made an Honorary Phillipian in 1979. After she and her husband moved to the Grand Lake area in 1982, they became charter members of the South Grand Lake Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Vinita, Ok.

A social and happy individual, Annabelle loved her family deeply and enjoyed quilting, making mats for the homeless, reading, and drinking a Dr. Pepper daily. She kept in touch with more than 200 friends and family on Facebook, cherishing each connection.

Annabelle is survived by her children, Fran Rahn of Afton, Oklahoma, Shari Baird (John) of Afton, Oklahoma, Gary Russell (Terri) of Carmine, Texas, Carol Robinson (Brian) of McKinney Texas, Cyril Russell (Teri) of McPherson, Kansas, 12 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, and four great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Winston

C. Russell, a sister, and two brothers.

Nichols – Stephens Funeral and Cremation Service in Grove, Oklahoma is assisting with the arrangements. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 10:30 AM on Saturday, August 24, 2024, at South Grand Lake Christian Church, located at 446205 E. 350 Rd Vinita, OK.

The family has requested in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to Annabelle's favorite place, South Grand Lake Christian Church at PO Box 387, Langley, Ok 74350.

Annabelle's life and legacy will be remembered fondly by all who knew her.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **24**. 10:30 AM (CT)

South Grand Lake Christian Church
446205 E. 350 Rd
Vinita, OK

Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Judy Starcevich lit a candle in memory of Annabelle Russell*



Judy Starcevich - July 26, 2024 at 02:19 PM

JT

“ *Jean Treat lit a candle in memory of Annabelle Russell*



jean treat - July 24, 2024 at 03:12 PM

SJ

What a ray of sunshine ! Always smiling , she along with my mother in law , Velma Schultz cared for many of us home sick kids at Phillips . She will be missed.

Steve Johnson - July 24, 2024 at 04:53 PM

AS

My days date back to PU. Annabelle worked for the Dean of Students. She would go to her office early because often a student would rather tell their problem to a "mom" than the Dean. She was a good listner and problem solver for a student. Many years later, we ended up living across the road from each other at Woodland Shores where we spent many hours together and our husbands became good friends.

Ann Snyder - July 24, 2024 at 05:31 PM

PM

My memory is that she served as the secretary/assistant to Dean Andrae (sp?) at P.U. I didn't have much contact with her, except for a couple occasions when I ran afoul of Andrae and I had to have a correctional session with him. But Mrs. Russell always seemed to be a sweet and compassionate person, even with me. Blessings to her family!

Phil Million - July 26, 2024 at 12:42 AM

JS

Annabelle was my inspiration. She always was smiling and such a loving heart. She is missed by many and will remain in my heart.

Judy Starcevich - July 26, 2024 at 02:18 PM

JT

“ Annabelle was a dear friend of mine for almost 30 years. She was a very special lady and loved by many. We miss her but know that she is rejoicing with her Lord and savior and dear ones who preceded her.

Jean Treat - July 24, 2024 at 03:08 PM