



Maudie Louise Matthews

August 11, 1938 - August 8, 2015

A service celebrating her life will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at Cedar Ridge Wesleyan Church with the Revs. Max Colaw and Ron Olson officiating under the direction of Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home. Longtime Enid resident Maudie Matthews was both a peacemaker and a fighter. She was the cool head in a family full of strong personalities. All the while, she battled health issues. She beat cancer twice at a time when such victories were not as common as they are today. For years, she battled diabetes to a draw. But then came Alzheimer's. Finally she met a foe she couldn't handle. Maudie died on Saturday, August 8, 2015, at home with her husband Frank, two of her daughters, and a grandson by her side. Representatives of all of the generations of her family, a symbolic representation of the legacy of love she leaves behind. She knew the pain of losing a baby. She knew the effects of cancer. She constantly watched her sugar. But it rarely kept her from taking care of her family or in later years from having time for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Besides being a mom and housewife, she held down a variety of jobs at Groendyke, Enid State School, Koehring Speedstar, and George E. Failing Co. With Frank, she owned and operated Rogers Cleaners, and later, the A&W Drive-in. As a PBX operator and receptionist at Koehring Speedstar, her willingness to go beyond her job description earned her the title of assistant editor of the company's in-house Rig Bits publication. While Maudie was the conciliator, she could be tough. There was an incident that was recounted by her for an article in the Enid News & Eagle about the A&W.

She was explaining how theft of the root beer mugs was a big problem and how she would go to great lengths (and probably at some risk) to get them back. She chased down one of a group of thieving teens to lay down the law. "I told them if the police got them, that mug would cost them \$35. He said he was going to keep his mug until he heard that. He told all his friends the next day and they all came and turned in their mugs asking me not to go to police." She has was blessed with an uncommon amount of common sense. When her daughter, Denise, and her husband adopted twins, she offered some good advice that helped them to get through the 3 a.m. feedings. When one of them wakes up, she suggested, wake the other one up as well so that you aren't having to get up constantly during the night. Simple but smart. That was Maudie. She and Frank accepted those babies despite their color and the fact they were sick. It was love at first sight and never any questions asked. In fact, it was said that Maudie had her own little United Nations with grandchildren from Nicaragua, the Philippines and even Alabama. Maudie liked to crochet and she enjoyed working in the church. She filled a variety of posts in the womens ministry at Cedar Ridge Wesleyan Church. She was known for her pickles. Her husband is known for the hamburgers he cooks on his grill. But they don't taste quite the same without her pickles. Maudie Peterson Matthews was born on Aug. 11, 1938, in Shattuck, Okla., the daughter of Opal May Hayes Peterson and William Peter Peterson. As a child, she lived in several small towns before the family settled in Gage, Okla. She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter Shelley Dawn Matthews; great-grandson Gavin Prescott; brother Vernon Peterson; and sisters Avis Hart and Elva Smith. Maudie is survived by her husband; daughter Denise Sowders and her husband Dave of Humble Texas; son Robert Matthews and his wife Carmencita of Chesapeake, Virginia; and daughter Debbie Prescott of Enid, nine grandchildren: Jamie Prescott, Brian Prescott, Gilbert Brua, Matthew Sowders, Megan Sowders, A.J. Shires, Shelly Matthews, Mandy Sowders, and Macey Sowders; and eight great-grandchildren: Garrett Prescott, Layne Prescott, Keat Prescott, Brynnee Prescott, Tristan Sowders,

Kylie Sowders, Chloe Sowders, and Eve Sowders; sisters, Agnes Roedell and Ethel Barnes. Memorials may be made to Cedar Ridge Wesleyan Church or OMRF-Alzheimer's Division.

Tribute Wall



“ Mom, it's been five years this week. I know you are so happy in heaven with your savior and family members who are there, especially Shelly. Sure do miss you and am longing for the day we are together again. A day doesn't go by that I don't think of you or the girls mention Meme is some way. We talk to daddy nearly everyday. He misses you bad momma. I love you so much. And miss you so much more.

Denise

Denise Sowders - August 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Mom you've been gone two weeks and a day. I think about you constantly and see you in so many things as I continue on this earth. I miss you so much mom, but try not to be selfish wanting you back. I know you are enjoying being the presence of your Heavenly Father and your earthly parents and Shelley Dawn! We will see you again momma. I can't wait for that day. We will take care of daddy for you. You will always be the best mommy in the world.

Denise - August 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Grief can be hard, but special memories help me cope. My mother was an amazing woman and I miss her very, very much. I'm so happy I was able to see her in April while she was still somewhat lucid. There are many people to thank, but most of all; I thank my father for taking care of my mother during her illness. Till death do us part.that's my parents. 58 years!! imagine the reunion she's having in heaven is something special. Plus, all the pain is gone and once again, she can WALK, TALK, and SEE again!Many Thanks to everyone that was able to attend the service and those that left messages here and on social media and of course a very special thanks to everyone that worked so hard putting the service together. It can simply be described as Remarkable. We'll take care of dad for you mom. See you again, somedayLove you lots, you're baby boy.Rob

Rob Matthews - August 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Frank & family:My deepest sympathy. Maudie was a friendwhen I lived at Timbers a few years ago.Remembering you in my prayers.Sylva Rhodes

August 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Frank and family. My thoughts and prayers are with you today and the weeks to follow.

Shawn Barnes - August 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I will always remember sweet Maudie. It was my pleasure to have known her. Thoughts and prayers to your family.

Cindy Baker - August 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HA

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Uncle Frank, Denise, Rob, and Debbie. Aunt Maudie was special. All of us will hold on to great memories and know she is in heaven watching over us.

Harry Anderson - August 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ So sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time.

Sherryl Burdick - August 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ With love and hugs, you have my deepest sympathies.

Anne Landry - August 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Frank, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Maudie was a special lady.

Mavis Campbell - August 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Maudie Louise Matthews

Betty Mitchell - August 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ Prayer for the Family.

Eldon George - August 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ So sorry for your lose, but it's her gain. May God smile on you and your family and let you have a celebration and joy in your heart. Love you from Trudy and me.

Robert Kinsey - August 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VP

“ Frank, Denise, & Debbie, I'm sorry for your great loss. I cherish my memories of Maudie from my childhood days visiting in Gage even before she married you, Frank through to our infrequent visits and contacts in these past few years. She was a great lady. Sorry I am unable to attend her services.

Vern Peterson - August 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ET

“ May God give the family peace that only God can give. PEACE THAT PASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING. I loved my sister, Maudie more than words can ever say. She battled so much with her health for some reason, but she fought a good fight. She will be missed so much. We have the assurance that she is now enjoying being in the presence of Jesus and all of our loved ones that have gone on. I can almost hear them all laughing and singing praises to our Lord !

Ethel - August 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Life is more that the air we breathe, it is the Love in the hearts of those around us.

Ed Barnes - August 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM