



Mary Virginia Kuykendall

February 15, 1919 - December 11, 2013

Mary Virginia Kuykendall, 94 died Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at Mercy Hospital in Independence, Kansas. She and her twin brother, Marvin were born on February 15, 1919 near Guymon, Oklahoma, the daughter of Charles William and Rose (Meurer) Imbler.

The Imbler family moved to Kansas and lived Wilberton and Elkhart before settling on a farm near Rolla, Kansas when Mary was in the fourth grade. She was senior at Rolla High School when Loren G. Kuykendall and she decided to get married. They drove to the Sears-Roebuck store in Dodge City, purchased a new suit and shoes for Loren a blue dress and navy coat for Mary before having the Probate Judge marry them at 10:30 P.M. January 8th, 1938.

They began farming in the Buxton area and Mary completed her high school by taking correspondence courses through Topeka, KS. Mary was involved in the community activities as a Sewing Project Leader for the Good Workers 4-H Club, Community meetings at the Fairview School, Buxton Community Church, Sunday School Superintendent and in later years Ladies Sewing Club.

In 1969 they moved to a home they had helped build on 3rd Street in Fredonia. Mary actually finished laying the brick while Loren mixed the cement

on the home. Mary began cooking at the Neodesha Nursing Home where she was encouraged to complete a Food Supervisor course and received her Certification.

After Loren's death on December 13, 1984, she took several trips which included driving to Montana to visit her son Ron, flying to Hawaii with her daughter, Virginia and enjoyed visiting New Zealand and Australia with a girlfriend. She also spent several years caring for her two bachelor brothers in Liberal, KS before selling her home and moving to various retirement homes in Bonner Springs, Lee's Summit, Ness City, Fredonia, and Independence, KS. While living there she loved playing Scrabble and being involved in their dinners and activities.

Through the Wilson County Extension Council she learned to sew, decorate cakes and after making a sampler quilt in a class she became an avid quilter. Her children and grandchildren and friends have been given quilts designed especially for them.

Survivors include three children; Virginia Louise Fortner, Kapa'au, HI; Ronald Loren Kuykendall, Plains, MT; and Gayla Alice Berger and her husband, Larry of Perry, OK. 9 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren, 1 sister-in-law, Norma Imbler of Gladstone, MO., and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at 2:00 P.M. at Countryside Funeral Home in Fredonia, with visitation to be held 1 hour prior to service time. Burial will follow at Mt. Pleasant cemetery. The family suggest memorials to the Fredonia Public Library and may be mailed or left with the funeral home. Online condolences may be left for the family at: www.countrysidefh.com. Services have been entrusted to: Countryside Funeral Home 420 S. 20th St., P.O. Box 247, Fredonia, KS 66736

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 18. 1:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Fredonia
420 S. 20th St.
P.O. Box 247
Fredonia, KS 66736
(620) 378-2882

Service

DEC 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DH

“ I am thankful that Janet introduce me to her grandma Mary. She was a delight every time we would drop by. It always amazed me how she could beat anyone at Scrabble on any given day. She will always be in my heart.

Dara Hilton - December 17, 2013 at 07:49 PM

CH

“ Ron and Ginny - although I never had the honor of meeting your mom, I know she must have been a special lady: she raised two of the nicest people I could ever hope to know - you guys. I am honored that you consider me a friend. My heart is with you both, and my sympathy goes to all who loved her. Rob sends his best as well.

Cheri

Cheri - December 17, 2013 at 12:26 PM

MK

“ One of my favorite persons growing up and after growing up. I wish I could come to the services. My thoughts are with my childhood friends Virginia, Ron and Gayla.

*Margaret Boone Konrady
Apopka, Florida*

Margaret Konrady - December 16, 2013 at 11:16 PM

VF

Thank you, Margaret. I thought of you several times during the service day. Good memories and love filled the day.

Virginia Fortner - January 20, 2014 at 08:43 PM

DP

“ *Ron Kuykendall & Family,*

Your mom was always a delight to visit with while we were still residing in Fredonia. Our last time to visit was a few years ago during the annual Fredonia Homecoming. We send our sincere condolences. Please know you will be in our thoughts and prayers.

*Dewayne & Harriet (Purdy) Powell
Amarillo, TX
dewayne.powell99@yahoo.com*

deewayne powell - December 16, 2013 at 03:57 PM

LS

“ *To Ron and family.*

*I read in the Citizen that your mother had died and even though I didn't know her well,
I wanted to let you know that I am thinking of you during this time. I know she lived a good, long life, but that doesn't make the family miss her any less.
It's always hard to lose a parent. Having been through this, I will keep you and your family in my thoughts.*

*Sincerely,
Laine (Lafferty) Smith*

Laine Smith - December 16, 2013 at 03:08 PM