



Oleta Helen Cloke

May 24, 1919 - February 5, 2017

Oleta “Helen” Cloke passed away on February 5, 2017 at Heritage Health Care in Chanute, KS. Oleta was the daughter of George and Audry (Johnson) Gardner and was born on a farm southwest of Erie, KS on May 24, 1919.

Helen attended school in Erie for a few years before her family moved to Chanute. She graduated from high school in Chanute and from Neosho County Community College with an associates degree. After school, she worked at Ash Grove Cement Company before getting married and beginning her travels as a military officer’s wife. During her travels, Helen often taught high school girls, Sunday school, and was a Red Cross Gray Lady. Upon her return to Chanute, Helen became a partner in an oil and insurance corporation. She retired from Neosho Memorial Regional Medical Center where she worked in the business office. Helen was a member of First United Methodist Church in Chanute.

Helen was active in many community activities, played bridge with various groups, and was an avid golfer. She often volunteered at Royster Middle School as a mentor and taught reading. Helen was a board member of Neosho-Allen County Mental Health Services and was a special guardian to many who were mentally-challenged.

Helen enjoyed reading books in her leisure time. She loved to listen and

shared her wisdom among many. Helen had a habit of always being happy and cheerful, often wearing a smile. She inspired many with courage and a can-do attitude. Her love for grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren was a highlight of her personality. Many of her friends have passed on ahead of her, yet we are all celebrating her passion for life.

Helen is survived by:

Sons:

Thomas Cloke of Chanute, KS

David (Dana) Cloke of Pittsburg, KS

Sister:

Wanda Coats of Sun City, AZ

9 Grandchildren

17 Great-Grandchildren

1 Great-Great-Grandchild

Several Nieces and Nephews

Helen was preceded in death by her parents; son, Richard Cloke; and brother, George Gardner.

Cremation has been requested.

Inurnment will be at Memorial Park Cemetery in Chanute, KS at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 11, 2017 followed by a Celebration of Life at 11:00 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in Chanute, KS. Online condolences may be left at: www.countrysidefh.com. Memorials have been suggested to Castaways Animal Shelter or First United Methodist Church and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Services have been entrusted to: Countryside Funeral Home 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS 66720.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

E.. 14th St.
Chanute, KS 66720

Previous Events

Graveside Services

FEB 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

Memorial Park Cemetery
E.. 14th St.
Chanute, KS 66720

Celebration of Life

FEB 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church-Chanute
202 S. Lincoln
Chanute, KS 66720

Tribute Wall



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Oleta Helen Cloke.*



February 08, 2017 at 06:01 PM



“ *CoCo: Marilyn and I regret the passing of your mother and please know we are thinking of you and your family. After reading her obit, I was impressed by all the things she was involved with. Hum, avid golfer! Funny how the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. Anyway, she must have been a great lady in her time and I hope her ending days were peaceful and she is now at rest. You're in our thoughts and prayers. Best wishes, Dick and Marilyn Peterson*

Dick Peterson - February 08, 2017 at 03:25 PM



“ *David and Tom my sympathies and prayers to you both. For whatever reason when I saw this post I immediately could see your mom walking down the front porch of the Country Club all decked out in her golf attire, golf shoes clacking on the cement. She was talking and laughing with Erma Shook and my Grandmother Mills. She will always be a cherished part of my childhood memories. I'm glad you chose that picture. It is exactly how I remember her. God bless you both and God bless her soul. 🙏*

Debbie Dodd Lindquist - February 08, 2017 at 01:55 PM

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“Helen was our neighbor, (Across the alley) for several years. My girls were frequent visitors and helpers...raking leaves, toting lawn furniture from basement in the Spring to back in the Fall and other tasks. The girls had several pictures taken at Helen's on New Year's Eve when they shared hats and noise makers with her. She was a good neighbor. My condolences to her family.

Sandy Thompson - February 08, 2017 at 12:05 PM

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“TOM and DAVID, so sorry for your loss. I have a lot of memories about Helen. She taught me a lot. I liked going over to your house and doing her hair. God bless you. You are in my prayers. Linda (Ranz) Orbison

LINDA (RANZ) ORBISON - February 08, 2017 at 11:56 AM

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“LINDA (RANZ) ORBISON lit a candle in memory of Oleta Helen Cloke



LINDA (RANZ) ORBISON - February 08, 2017 at 11:51 AM

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Love you Helen

LINDA (RANZ) ORBISON - February 08, 2017 at 11:57 AM



“I am sorry for your loss Tom and David your mother was a most gracious lady and was inspiring to all she met.

Galen Morrison - February 08, 2017 at 10:22 AM

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“ David, so sorry about your Mom she was a wonderful lady.

I remember her trying to give me golf tips when I first started playing golf. I always enjoyed visiting with her and her friends at the club after their weekly bridge game, they were all so much fun.

*Good bless,
Phyllis Truster*

Phyllis Truster - February 08, 2017 at 08:48 AM

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“ RIP to Aunt Helen. Many happy memories at her house. So sorry for everyone's loss. ~Heather Burns

Heather Burns - February 08, 2017 at 07:37 AM