



## Annie Ruth Stewart (Ezell)

May 10, 1933 - June 30, 2020

Annie Ruth Stewart (Ezell) born May 10, 1933, in Copiah County, MS, crossed over into Glory Land on June 30, 2020, in her home in Piedmont, OK, under the care of CrossRoads Hospice, with family by her side. A private graveside service will be held under the direction of Comer Funeral Home, Ferriday, LA.

Annie, or Nanny or Nan to many, had a feisty, strong spirit that made her a survivor in so many ways. She had a quirky sense of humor that made others laugh. She grew up on a farm with her 7 siblings in Copiah County, MS, but lived most of her adult life in the Natchez/Vidalia area and raised her children there. She worked full time outside and inside the home until retirement. She was known for her beautiful handwork including crocheted tablecloths and bedspreads. Spending time with her family brought her the most joy. After the death of her husband, she moved to Oklahoma to live near her daughter. She enjoyed her life at Village Baptist Retirement Center where she was known as “Huggin’ Annie” and even won the Sr. Citizen Recognition Award for service. She made it her ministry to hug and love, give kind encouragement and mints to everyone especially those in the nursing home who didn’t have anyone to visit. She became a beloved grandmother to all via social media under #dateswithnan created by her granddaughter. In her final months, she moved in with family as her health was declining. She was privileged to be able to pass from the arms of family into the arms of Jesus while they sang her

favorite hymn, "I'll Fly Away". She loved Jesus and tried to live like Him. She knew she wasn't perfect but knew that God loved everyone and was forgiving to those who asked; and, she unashamedly imparted those truths to her children, grandchildren and great-grands, as well as, all those she came in contact with. She was dearly loved by many and will be missed immensely. The family would like to thank the staff of CrossRoads Hospice for tenderly caring for and loving their beloved mother and Nanny.

PRECEDED IN DEATH BY:

Parents: William and Epsy Johnson

Husbands: Oscar Stewart, Jr. and James Ezell

Siblings: Bill Johnson, Sophie Bailey, Johnny Johnson, Bob Johnson, Richard Johnson, Lois Hayles

Son-in-law: Ray Wise

SURVIVORS:

Four Daughters and Sons-In-Law:

Vickie and Errol Kantor of Cumming, GA; Kathy and Dick Hughes of Dunwoody, GA; Ruth Ann (Ruty) and Alyson Coyle of Piedmont, OK; Rhonda and Rick Zebrak of Houston, TX

Grandchildren:

Emily Wise Lacoste and Jay, Ed Wise and Kelly, Ernie Wise and Teresa, Daniel Hughes and Carlos, Anna Coyle Taylor and Scott, Becca Coyle Cunningham and Kevin, Abby Coyle Hyde and Eric. Honorary granddaughter, Annie Smith.

Great grandchildren: Stewart, Maurina, Elizabeth, Colten, Katie, Patrick, Fisher, Owen, Ellie, Jackson, Sully.

Sister: Libby Buckles.

Precious companions: June Smith and Ken Witt, numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

**PALL BEARERS:**

Ernie Wise, Jay Lacoste, Kevin Cunningham, Eric Hyde, Owen Cunningham.

**HONORARY PALL BEARERS:**

Ed Wise, Daniel Hughes, Scott Taylor, Stewart Wise, Colten Wise, Sully Cunningham.

# Cemetery Details

## **Greenlawn Memorial Park**

Greenlawn Memorial Park, MS 39120

# Tribute Wall

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“ We don't know what to say except that we love you. We can't understand exactly how you feel, but God does and will keep raising you up. We hope that our prayers will help a little. Isaiah 25:8

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**Kendra E** - July 30, 2020 at 10:35 AM

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“ Dear Vickie, Kathy, Ruty and Rhonda, I was so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother.

With love,  
Annie Mae Lawrence

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**Cathy McRorie** - July 05, 2020 at 08:14 PM

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“ Annie Ruth was a tiny lady with a gigantic heart. She loved people and made everyone feel like her best friend. I loved her hugs as she was like a mother to me when I had the pleasure to be with her. We shared stories of our southern heritage and families and ate many Sunday dinners together when she visited Ruty, Alyson, and the girls. She was fearless and outspoken, she loved The Lord and her family, and she never gave up. May we all live our lives with the spunk and spirit of Annie Ruth Stewart.

Much love 'til we meet again,  
Cheryl Wilkinson

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**Cheryl Wilkinson** - July 04, 2020 at 02:09 PM