



Alice Kathleen Farmer

August 12, 1929 - August 11, 2019

Alice Farmer, devoted wife, loving mother and dedicated hospital volunteer, passed away on Aug. 11, 2019, at the age of 89, one day before her 90th birthday. Alice was married to Ted Farmer. The couple were living at the time in Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Alice was born in the family home on a farm outside of Randolph, Kansas, on Aug. 12, 1929, the 3rd surviving daughter of John August and Anna Mae (Rosell) Ekstrom. She was baptized at the Walsburg Lutheran Church near Leonardville. Alice first attended classes in a small country school and, as her family moved during the Depression, continued her schooling in Randolph, Kansas City, and Manhattan, Kansas. She graduated from high school in Manhattan and took work as a secretary.

Not long after, she met Theodore Lee Farmer of Farmington, Illinois, who had begun attending Kansas State Agricultural College following his discharge from the navy at the end of World War 2. The couple fell in love and were married May 28, 1950. They later made their home in El Dorado, Kansas, and had two boys, Robert Lee and Ronald Willis Farmer.

In El Dorado, the couple joined the First United Methodist Church and were active in the church throughout their lives. Alice was a wonderful homemaker, fully engaged in the lives of her family in the church and community, and

proud of her Swedish family heritage. She enjoyed working periodically as a secretary in El Dorado Public Schools. But she was most proud of her association with Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital in El Dorado where she volunteered for over 24 years and recorded over 7,000 hours of service time.

Alice was preceded in death by her son Ron; her parents; sisters Rosemond Schrems and Ruby Reichle; and nephew John Reichle, all of Manhattan, KS. She is survived by her husband of more than 69 years, Ted; her son Bob and wife Nancy of Bartlesville, OK; daughter-in-law Sharon Farmer of Austin, TX; grandchildren Jamie and husband Travis White with sons Owen and Judah of Tulsa, OK, and Tom Farmer with wife Christy and children Whitt and Emery of Tulsa; and niece Annalene Benson, and nephews Jeri Reichle, George Schrems, Richard Farmer and Tom Farmer.

In lieu of flowers memorials have been established at the First United Methodist Church, 421 W. Central Ave, El Dorado, KS 67042; and at Bartlesville First Church.

The family will receive visitors at the Davis Family Funeral Home, Walker-Brown Chapel on Thursday, Aug. 15, from 6-8 p.m. Memorial services will be held at Bartlesville First Church on Aug. 16, 2019, at 2 p.m., with Rev. Paul Overholt officiating. Alice will be buried at Walsburg Lutheran Church Cemetery, Leonardville, KS, on Saturday, Aug. 17, 2019, at 1 p.m. with Rev. Keith Wiens officiating. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home – Walker Brown Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Walsburg Lutheran Church Cemetery

Leonardville, KS

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG **16**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Bartlesville First Church
4715 Price Rd
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Alice Kathleen Farmer*



Davis Family Funeral Home - August 14, 2019 at 04:34 PM



“ *My sympathies to the Farmer family from your former back door neighbor. Your photo tribute is beautiful, especially with Alice's big smile. Thoughts and prayers with all of you. Carolyn Croft (my parents were John and Martha Croft.*

Carolyn Croft - August 17, 2019 at 07:48 PM

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“ Dear Ted & Family, My deepest sympathies to all of you in Alice’s passing. What a dear, sweet lady. It was my privilege to work with Alice at SBAMH for 15 years where I served as a Ks Director of Volunteer Services. Alice’s dedication to the Hospital, Auxiliary & Volunteer Program was unsurpassed. She was a true advocate of volunteering & left a legacy of serving others that will live on. Alice was always willing to serve wherever, whenever & however asked. She was also one of my biggest cheerleaders. She gave me so much encouragement. I could always depend on Alice & be confident & trust that she had my back. She always arrived early on Monday mornings with a smile on her face, a willing spirit & pep in her step as she made her “pink lady” rounds. She was a great blessing to me & to those she served throughout the years. She will be greatly missed by so many. Thank you for sharing her with us. We were the richer for it.

Dania Crawford - August 14, 2019 at 04:19 PM

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“ I’m sorry to read about Alice’s passing. She and Ted are among good memories of growing up in El Dorado.
Dana Covert Wethington

Dana Wethington - August 14, 2019 at 04:06 PM