



Dorothy Marline Ratliff

February 10, 1946 - June 12, 2024

Dorothy Marline (Pierce) Ratliff, 78, of Dewey, went to her heavenly home on Wednesday, June 12, 2024.

Dorothy was born February 10, 1946, in Parris Island, South Carolina, to Lysle Elwood and Rachel Marie (Flydell) Pierce. She attended Connellsville High School and then Little Washington Hospital, earning her certification in nursing.

In 1969 Dorothy met the love of her life, Kenneth, in Lexington, Kentucky. The couple married on November 20, 1971, at Stonewall Wesleyan Church. They lived in Lexington until moving to Frankfort, Kentucky, where they stayed for 5 years. The next 12 years were spent in Plano, Texas. In 1988, they moved their family to Dewey, where they stayed.

Dorothy worked as a maternity nurse for about 8 years before she quit her nursing career to raise a family. She also worked for a time at both the Bartlesville and Dewey Libraries.

She was an active member of the Lacemakers Guild of Oklahoma. She loved to make handmade lace, specifically bobbin lace and tatted lace. She was known for doing lacemaking demonstrations at public venues, like county fairs, Sunfest, etc.

Dorothy and Kenneth are active members of the Bartlesville First Nazarene Church. In addition, Dorothy was a faithful attendee of First Baptist Church Dewey. Through her years of faithful church attendance, Dorothy volunteered in the various children's programs when they lived in Texas and then in the Bartlesville church.

Her family fondly remembers how Dorothy was a "farm mom," helping care for all her children's animals. She was a wonderful mother and always attended their various activities, including band performances, piano competitions, and livestock shows. Dorothy loved music. She played the piano, organ, and hand bells, and sang in the church choir.

Every time she told her loved ones good-bye, she would hold up the hand sign for "I love you" and would watch them leave until they were out of view. Dorothy will be dearly missed.

Survivors include her loving husband of 52 years, Kenneth Dale Ratliff; daughter, Deirdre "Dee" (Randall) Osborne; two sons, Nathan Ratliff and Stuart Ratliff; two sisters, Diana Knight, and Leila (Richard) Dale; seven grandchildren, Gregory (Cheryl) Trueblood, Geoffrey (Sheldon) Osborne, Randall Osborne III, Mickayla Ratliff, Chloe Ratliff, Ryan Ratliff, and Bryce Ratliff; two great-grandchildren, Milo and Charlie; and a host of extended family and friends.

A Memorial Service for Mrs. Ratliff will be held on Saturday, June 29, 2024 at 2pm at Bartlesville First Church of the Nazarene. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and Davis Family Funeral Home – Dewey Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dorothy Marline Ratliff*



Davis Family Funeral Home - June 27, 2024 at 07:57 PM

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“ *Phil & Jennifer Osborne purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dorothy Marline Ratliff.*



Phil & Jennifer Osborne - June 29, 2024 at 10:14 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorothy Marline Ratliff.*



June 28, 2024 at 10:48 PM

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“ *Kim Mason planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Marline Ratliff.*

Kim Mason - June 28, 2024 at 10:48 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Dorothy Marline Ratliff.



June 28, 2024 at 05:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Dorothy Marline Ratliff.



June 24, 2024 at 10:41 PM



“ *The Strang Family* purchased the *Emerald Garden Basket* for the family of Dorothy Marline Ratliff.



The Strang Family - June 24, 2024 at 10:30 AM



“ *The lace world is poorer without Dorothy...I'll always remember how supportive she was to me. I'm sorry for your loss*



Joan Thomas - June 18, 2024 at 12:03 PM

SJ

“ Dorothy was the person who got me into bobbin lace making. We both worked at the Bartlesville Public Library, and every year she would make the rounds, inviting everyone to an all-day annual event called Lace Embrace. I said no several years, but finally went one time, and was instantly hooked. Lacemaking has become a major part of my life, and without Dorothy I would not be involved in it. I am grateful for her unflagging energy, friendship, helpfulness, and generosity in all the time I knew her.

Sally Jenkins - June 18, 2024 at 11:24 AM

JS

I was always glad to see my friend. She lifted my spirits. She had a lot of wisdom. She will be missed. 🙏

jan snow - June 19, 2024 at 10:18 AM