



Frances Chaffee

August 30, 1941 - December 15, 2019

Frances Chaffee, 78, longtime Dewey resident, died Sunday in Dewey.

Frances was born the daughter of Elston Franklin and Maggie Lorene (Herrington) Blenden on August 30, 1941, in Foraker, OK. The family moved to Cedarvale, KS, where she received her early education. In 1955, they moved to Dewey, OK, where she completed high school, graduating with the Class of 1959. Frances enjoyed playing the saxophone and was crowned Band Queen, wearing a dress the multitalented teen sewed herself.

Frances was united in marriage with her high school sweetheart Bob Chaffee on July 23, 1960. Together, they brought four beautiful children into this world and into their lives. Frances enjoyed working; first with the Washington County Treasurer's office, then with Mark Roberts Auto Group (which became Bartlesville Honda), and part-time with K-Mart. She enjoyed the many friendships she made with her co-workers and customers through the years.

She was also an active church member throughout her adult life. She served as a leader in the youth group at First United Methodist of Dewey for many years before she started attending Rose Hill Baptist Church in Dewey. It was there Bro. Ralph baptized her. She knew from a young age that Jesus was her Lord and Savior, but she wanted to make that profession of faith public. In 2012, Frances joined her friends and became a member of First Baptist Church of Dewey.

Frances loved blessing others with her creative gifts, such as cooking, baking, decorating cakes, sewing and crocheting. She made baby afghans for her grandchildren. Country music is what she liked listening to, especially George Strait and Elvis Presley. She also enjoyed camping with her family, two-stepping and square dancing at different times through her life.

She was a dedicated mom and grandma. When the kids were young, she was active in the Girl Scouts as a leader, and she always attended every band concert and ballgame. When the grandkids were born, Frances traveled throughout the country to visit her precious babies including to Hawaii, Colorado and Virginia. She made frequent trips to her son Bobby's house to spend Saturdays with his children while Bobby and his wife, Kerri, attended the OU games. Frances also made the yearly trips to Dallas with them for the Red River Rivalry. She loved her family deeply and will be dearly missed.

Frances is survived by her four children, Lisa Lippert and Troy of Claremore, Viki Hanke and Terry of Newport News, VA, Bobby Chaffee and Kerri of Oklahoma City, and Gena Hobbs and Nick of Hampton, VA; fiancé Buster Seaver; two brothers, Samuel Blenden and Charlotte, and Gary Blenden and Marcia; one sister, Joyce Kelling Cercone and George; 10 grandchildren, Erica Lippert, Mathew Burnett, Meagan Novak, Benjamin Burnett, Taryn Chaffee, Averi Chaffee, Harper Chaffee, Riley Hobbs, Brooks Hobbs, Keiralise Hobbs, Jessica Hanke Samsing, and Samantha Hanke Mills; 8 great grandchildren with a baby girl expected to arrive in early March; and a host of other family and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents and her beloved friend, George Galbreath.

The family wants to express heartfelt thanks to Beth Brewer and the staff of Forrest Manor, East Side and to Comforting Hands Hospice for the countless hours and acts of kindness afforded her.

Services will be held 1 p.m. on Friday, January 3, at the First Baptist Church of Dewey, with Pastor Mark Wright officiating. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home – Dewey Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

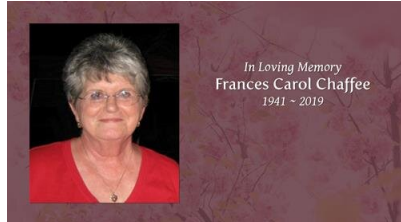
JAN 3. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Dewey
300 10th St
Dewey, OK 74029

Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Frances Chaffee*



Davis Family Funeral Home - December 31, 2019 at 05:00 PM

DM

“ *My prayers are with all of you.*

Debi McNichol - January 02, 2020 at 07:54 PM

 Gena Hobbs

Thank you. ❤️

Gena Hobbs - January 19, 2020 at 10:35 PM



Thank you, Debi.

Lisa Lippert - April 24, 2020 at 12:53 AM

GR

“ *Lisa, Vickie, Bobby, and Gina, We are so sorry for your loss; she was a lovely lady. She and your dad friended us when we first came to Bville in 1966; we have many fond memories of the boating, fishing, ball games, etc. May she rest in peace.*

Love, the Reheis family (Gary, Carolyn, Michelle Sitton, and Kevin)



Gary Reheis - January 01, 2020 at 05:24 PM



Thank you so much. ❤️

Gena Hobbs - January 19, 2020 at 10:35 PM



Thank you. I remember those fun times. ❤️

Lisa Lippert - April 24, 2020 at 12:55 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Frances Chaffee.*



December 31, 2019 at 09:24 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frances Chaffee.*

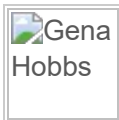


December 27, 2019 at 03:00 PM



“ *One of the most beautiful people I have ever walked with in this journey called Life. So many memories and travels together. Thanks for all the fun times we shared.*

Aggie Shahan - December 22, 2019 at 10:27 PM



Gena Hobbs - January 19, 2020 at 10:36 PM

PB

“ *My prayers are with your family. Patti Bogle*



Patti Bogle - December 22, 2019 at 10:24 PM

MS

“ *Mary Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Frances Chaffee*



Mary Sanchez - December 22, 2019 at 12:47 AM

KH

“ *Kimberly Henshall lit a candle in memory of Frances Chaffee*



Kimberly Henshall - December 21, 2019 at 04:42 PM

OT

“ *Opal Taylor lit a candle in memory of Frances Chaffee*



Opal Taylor - December 21, 2019 at 08:13 AM

PE

“ *Frances and George are together again, but she has left her other friend, Buster. Rest in peace dear Frances!! I enjoyed working with you and your friendship!*

Paula Artz Eckert - December 21, 2019 at 02:43 AM

PL

“ *Prayers for her children and family! Frances was a sweet lady. Fly high friend!!*

Paula Long - December 20, 2019 at 12:21 PM



Thank you, Miss Paula. She always had good Kmart stories and love her buddies there.

Gena Hobbs - December 20, 2019 at 05:05 PM

AS

One of the most beautiful people I have ever walked with in this journey called Life. So many memories and travels together. Thanks for all the fun times we shared.

Aggie Shahan - December 22, 2019 at 06:59 PM

PL

“ *Paula Long lit a candle in memory of Frances Chaffee*



Paula Long - December 18, 2019 at 04:31 PM