



## Loretta Chaney

June 6, 1920 - November 9, 2021

Mary Loretta Camron Chaney, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, community volunteer and organizer, died on November 9, 2021 at her home in Bartlesville at the age of 101.

Loretta was born June 6, 1920 in Atoka, Oklahoma to Walter Lee Camron and Ora Lee Fitzpatrick Camron. She was the youngest of 7 children and was called “Babe” most of her life by her family. She led the life of a typical farm girl.

Her first chores were bending the sunflower stalks for the seeds to fall to the ground where the chickens could eat them and also gathering the eggs. During the early years of the 1930’s her family travelled Route 66 to California for her father and older brothers to obtain employment. Her mother died in Arizona on one of these trips when Loretta was 14 years old. She was then sent to live with her older sister in Stillwater, OK.

She graduated from Stillwater High School in 1938 and became a member of the Theta Rho Girls’ Club of Stillwater. While attending a party with this group she met Maurice Lee Chaney who was an engineering student at Oklahoma A&M (now OSU). They dated for several years and were married in 1942. It was World War II and Maurice joined the Navy and the two of them traveled to California to live when he was stationed at Port Hueneme in

Oxnard, California.

While in California, their daughter, Reta, was born. Four months after Maurice was deployed to Okinawa their son, Ron, was born. After Maurice's discharge from the Navy, they moved to Caney, Kansas and then to Bartlesville where Maurice worked as an engineer for Phillips Petroleum Company. They also lived in London, England and Stavanger, Norway for several years when Maurice worked on the Ekofisk Project. They then returned to Bartlesville. Maurice died in 2011, at the age of 90.

Loretta loved life. She loved to dance. She loved to square dance and ballroom dance and even taught line dancing until she reached the age of 99. She loved to play cards and organized several bridge groups. She loved to travel, and she loved parties-----especially those celebrating her birthdays or anniversaries! When Covid cancelled her 100th birthday dance, she made a determined effort to live another year to share her 101st birthday celebration with family and friends.

She was a community volunteer and helped the Cub Scouts, the Girl Scouts (where she served as President of the Bluestem Council), the First Christian Church and the PTA. She touched many lives with her generosity and passion for life.

The accomplishment Loretta truly enjoyed was that of co-founder of the 55+ Activity Center in Bartlesville. Just last week Channel 6 of Tulsa had a television special highlighting her life and her commitment to the formation of this Activity Center.

She is survived by her daughter, Reta (husband Richard), son Ron, three grandchildren (Khristan, Rustin and Michael) and nine great-grandchildren (Parker, Payton, Brooke, Marianne, Camden, Bella, Palmer, Karelle and

Aubryn). She is also survived by her close companion and dance partner, Joe Brooks.

The family wishes to say a special word of thanks to Joe and to the nurses of Comforting Hands Hospice Group of Bartlesville, especially Lorie and Tiffany. These nurses and Joe helped her enjoy the last years of her life and were such a blessing in her life.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes to encourage donations to the 55+ Activity Center or the Girl Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma.

Visitation will be held from 10-8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16th and 9-1 p.m. Wednesday, November 17th at Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel at 4201 Nowata Road, Bartlesville, OK.

A Celebration of Loretta's Life Service will be held 3 p.m., Wednesday, November 17th, at Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and Davis Family Funeral Home – Walker Brown Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be made at [www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 16. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory - Walker Brown Chapel  
4201 Nowata Rd  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
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## Visitation

NOV 17. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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## Celebration Of Life Service

NOV 17. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

CD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**Carter Davis** - November 18, 2021 at 10:12 AM

LR

*Wonderful celebration for Loretta!*

**Loydel Davis Robertson** - November 18, 2021 at 05:52 PM

RC

*What a fabulous tribute to a great lady. To borrow a phrase we heard recently, "She was unapologetically her!" We have our own wonderful memories of her. Proud to be part of her family. With love....Bob and Roxanne Camron*

**Roxanne Camron** - November 18, 2021 at 09:29 PM

LS

*Lovely tribute to a lovely Great Aunt !*

**Laura Sicklesteel** - November 19, 2021 at 08:58 PM

PS

“ Mema (as Loretta was called by her grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren) brought positivity and love everywhere she went. I will always cherish the memories of visiting her for "Christmas in July" each summer, where we would play card games, charades, and see the swans in Shadow Lake where Mema lived. We loved hearing her stories and receiving her personalized birthday cards each year (she would always cross out and change the message on the card to make it her own!). I am so grateful we were able to celebrate her 101st birthday earlier this year- Mema will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege to know her.

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**Parker Strubhar** - November 17, 2021 at 01:23 PM

SS

“ We are saddened by Loretta's passing but celebrate her long and fruitful life. It was an honor and privilege to fellowship and serve with Loretta and Maurice at First Christian for many years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Reta, Ron and all the family and friends. May God comfort all of you and give you peace.

*Steve and Retta Seger*

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**Steve and Retta Seger** - November 17, 2021 at 01:16 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Loretta Chaney.



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November 15, 2021 at 11:53 AM

LP

“ My name is Leanna Parker. Aunt Chaney's grand niece (I think that's right) my fond memories of visiting them in Bartlesville. We would ride Blondie her horse. I remember aunt Chaney telling the story of playing a game of Uncle Morris. I faintly remember a list of things we would quote.... at the send we WIN! And we all sure won having the memories of times gone by. Oh yea and playing jacks! And charades!

Leanna Parker - November 14, 2021 at 09:24 PM

AH

“ Anna & Howard Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Loretta Chaney



Anna & Howard Hawkins - November 14, 2021 at 01:51 PM

SB

“ Sally Buschschorf purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Loretta Chaney.



Sally Buschschorf - November 13, 2021 at 01:53 PM

CE

“ Two years ago just before she turned 100, Loretta became my neighbor. When I learned she had been a friend of my mother, we became instant friends. Her bright spirit, wit, and determination to embrace all life had to offer taught me so much. To say I will miss our daily chats is an understatement. Although her absence will be long felt, I will forever remember her remarkable ability to truly live this life to the fullest. I will be forever thankful for the time spent in her presence.

Carol Elam - November 11, 2021 at 08:30 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Loretta Chaney.



November 11, 2021 at 08:05 PM

CW

“ When Maurice & Loretta moved onto McKinley Rd, my sister and I had so much fun trying to keep up on our horses with Loretta and Blondie. That horse was a great fit for her! Then when my husband and I moved back to Bartlesville after college, we learned to square dance at Wayside School in the square dance group they belonged to. More recently, at 65, I've moved back to Bartlesville and here is Loretta inviting us to a dance at the Over 55 club. Loretta had a full life. She will be greatly missed as she touched many lives.

Carol (Hall) Whitacre - November 10, 2021 at 11:01 AM

DE

“ Such a sweet lady, she will be so deeply missed!

deniece - November 10, 2021 at 01:09 AM