



Freda Estel Bates

August 20, 1927 - April 11, 2020

Obituary

Freda Estel Bates, age 92, longtime Broken Arrow resident went to be with her Lord and Savior Saturday afternoon, April 11, 2020 at Broken Arrow Nursing Home in Broken Arrow, OK. Estel was born August 20, 1927 in Coweta, OK and was the daughter of Luther and Gladys Merle (Wilkinson) Keel. She attended school in Coweta. Estel married the love of her life, John Willis Bates on March 19, 1946 in Coweta and they were blessed with three children, Marji, Mark, and Jodi. She was a devoted homemaker for most of her life and enjoyed taking care of her children. Estel was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church in Broken Arrow for over 70 years. She enjoyed sewing, cooking, canning, gardening with her husband, Willis, but most of all she loved spending time with her family. Estel is survived by 2 children, Marji Cowles of Broken Arrow, OK and Mark Bates and wife Linda of Coweta, OK; 2 brothers, Gary Keel and wife Nedra of Broken Arrow, OK and Tim Keel and wife Charlene of Broken Arrow, OK; 1 sister, Carol Walkup and husband John of Tulsa, OK; 5 grandchildren, Chris Cowles, Jason Bates, Mindy Bates, Tim Bates, and Robin Smith; 16 great grandchildren; 1 great-great grandchild; and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. Estel was preceded in death by her husband, John Willis Bates; her parents, Luther and Merle Keel; her daughter, Jodi Walker; her brother, Lowell Keel; her sisters, Effie Cowles and Judy Kay; and her grandchildren, Heath Bates and Brandy Walker. Viewing will be from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, 2020

at Brown Funeral Home with the family present to greet friends from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. A private family service will be held for Estel. She will be laid to rest next to her husband, Willis at Vernon Cemetery in Coweta. Family and friends may share memories online at www.brownfamilycares.com. The family of Freda Estel Bates entrusted her care and services to Brown Family Funeral Home, 210 S. Broadway, Coweta, OK 74429, 918-486-5515.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Freda Estel Bates, please visit our floral store.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Brown Funeral Home & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Freda Estel Bates*



Wright-Brown Family Funeral Home - April 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TI

“ *While I worked at broken arrow nursing home , I was able to take care of this great woman , she was such a blessing and always made my day better ❤️ Your truly missed - Tiffany*

Tiffany - April 26, 2020 at 11:26 PM

KH

“ *Estel was an amazingly kind and caring woman, she will be missed by all those who came to know her. I loved her like she was my own grandma, providing care for her was an honor and a blessing.*

Katy Hall - April 16, 2020 at 08:31 PM

SM

“ *I am so sorry that I won't get to come to the viewing. My immune system is compromised so I am 'sheltered in place'. It is not wise for me to be anywhere at this time besides in my home so sorry to miss seeing your family.*

Sandy Deonier Montgomery - April 15, 2020 at 07:57 PM

SM

“ Your mom was a special lady to everyone who was blessed to know her and love her. I remember her generous spirit and how she showed up at our door, especially during the year that our mom was bedridden for a month with TB, with an armful of vegetables from her garden. I can almost hear her laughter when she came to our mom's bedside 'to lift her spirits'. I absolutely loved seeing the video tribute. Your mom left a crew of gorgeous children and their children. Her beautiful smile when looking at her 'babies' spoke volumes about how much she loved them. There is no doubt that she was greatly loved. I pray that lonely, sad times will be filled with sweet memories of your mom who left her 'mark' on the world when left for a better place. I know how difficult it is to say 'see you soon' to your mom. You and yours will be in my prayers.

Sandy Deonier Montgomery - April 15, 2020 at 07:54 PM

SL

“ Estel was an amazing woman! She was like my own special grandma. She will be greatly missed by many.

Sarah Lichtenwalter - April 14, 2020 at 10:29 PM