

Lois Cathey | 1924-2015

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Lois Cathey, 90, of Pauls Valley, Okla., died Wednesday, March 11, 2015, at OU Medical Center.

Funeral was March 16 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell, Okla. Burial followed at Sanger Cemetery in Sanger.

Lois Temple was born July 20, 1924, in Lone Grove, Okla., the oldest of five children born to John C. Temple and Cricket (West) Temple. She was raised primarily in the area of Ardmore, Okla.

Like many in those days, Lois quit school at an early age and began working and caring for her younger siblings to help her family. At the age of 18, she married Fred Ponder, and they had three sons.

Fred preceded her in death when the boys were still young. At this time, Lois and the boys lived on a small farm near Graham, Okla. She worked hard farming and raising cattle to support her young family. Several years later she married David Rollin Cathey. They made their home in Guymon, Okla., for many years and later in Greenwood. David preceded her in death in 1974, and Lois settled near Pauls Valley to be closer to her sons.

Lois loved her life and enjoyed her time on the farm. She enjoyed quilting and tending to her garden. Her greatest joy was feeding her cows, and her time spent on the farm brought her great happiness.

She was preceded in death by husbands Fred Ponder and David Cathey; parents John and Cricket Temple; sister Betty Traylor; and brothers Bob and Gene Temple.

She is survived by her sons, Lee Ponder of Oklahoma City, Ray Ponder of Ardmore and John Clarence Ponder of Elk City; brother Max Temple; six grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, as well as many other family members and friends.

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