

Fern Elizabeth (Grimes) Craig was born April 19, 1925, in Liberty, MO, to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Powell. She was called to heaven and given her “well deserved” wings. She passed away peacefully surrounded by family on October 12, 2022, in Tulsa, OK at the age of 97 years, 5 months, 23 days.

At age 7, Fern received tragic news of her parents passing and was adopted by Ermon and Mildred Grimes. In 1932, she separated from her four siblings and moved to Pierce City, MO to live with Ermon and Mildred. After Fern graduated from Pierce City High School in 1944, she continued to work for the local drug store where she met Private John W. Craig, a soldier in the United States Army. She corresponded letters with John over the next two years while he was stationed in Europe until he returned in 1946 after WWII ended. Fern married John on February 7, 1946. They had one child together, Mildred Lynn Craig. In 1948, Fern and John decided to move out west to San Dimas, CA and start a business called Craig’s Egg Farm. Fern worked alongside John tending to the eggs and farm from 1950-1972 when they sold their farm and moved to Owasso, OK.

In 1990 Fern retired from Reeds Department Store where she worked as their bookkeeper/accountant. In 1993, she came out of retirement and decided to work in the Deli department at the Super Wal-Mart Store #576, for another 22 years, before retiring a second time in 2015, at the age of 90. Fern was an avid bowler and while working at Walmart she joined the Peppy Pioneers bowling league at Sheridan Lanes where she made some wonderful lifelong friendships. Fern was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother with a generous spirit, a heart of gold, and a memory like an elephant. She lived for the Lord and treated everyone she met in life with kindness and forgiveness. If you knew Fern, then you knew love.

She is survived by her grandchildren, Craig Morse and wife, Heather, and Alicia Washington; great-grandchildren, Mackenzie Morse, Ry Morse, Colby Morse, Elijah Washington, Jalynn Washington, and Dasia Bowie; her 99-year-old sister, Dale Dell; her dog, Zeevah; her cat, Abby; and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Craig; daughter, Mildred Lynn Morse; parents; Ermon and Mildred Grimes; brother, James “Jimmy” Powell; sister, Mary Alma Powell; and her biological parents, Leonard and Viva Powell.

Funeral Service

Calvary Missionary Baptist Church

Owasso, Oklahoma

Friday, October 21, 2022

10:00 AM

Officiating Minister

Brother Ty Westlake

Music

“How Great Thou Art”

“You Raise Me Up”

“Cool Water”

“The Cross Medley”

“Amazing Grace”

“See You Again”

Casket Bearers

Craig Morse

Dasia Bowie

Elijah Washington

Ryan Pascoe

Colby Morse

Oliver Weaver

Interment

Pierce City Cemetery

Pierce City, Missouri



Fern Elizabeth (Grimes) Craig

In Our Hearts Forever



If Flowers Grow In Heaven

If flowers grow in heaven,
Lord, then pick a bunch for me.
Then place them in my grandma's arms
and tell her they're from me.
Tell her that I love and miss her
and when she turns to smile,
place a kiss upon her cheek
and hold her for awhile
Because remembering her is easy,
I do it every day,
But there's an ache within my heart
that will never go away

We didn't want to let you go Grandma, but God called His Angel home. But trust that you'll be remembered in the sweetest memories every day. For you have blessed our lives forever with your goodness, love, and strength.

*The Guestbook can be viewed and signed by visiting
www.johnsonsperry.com*

*Arrangements and services entrusted to
Johnson Funeral Home
Sperry, Oklahoma*

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