



Bessie Belle Wagner

January 10, 1921 - March 7, 2014

Bessie Belle “BB” Wagner, 93, a long time Miami resident passed away Friday, March 7, 2014 at Miami Nursing Center. She was born on January 10, 1921 in Miami to Ray and Ethel (Swicegood) Furnish. She graduated with the Miami High School Class of 1938. BB played the violin in the high school orchestra. Mrs. Wagner worked as a switchboard operator at the Miami Hotel and then for Southwestern Bell. She married Morris Paul Wagner in 1943. Bessie Belle was a member of the Miami Garden Club, the Oklahoma State Garden Club, the Tri-State Iris Society and Joplin Iris Society. She was known for her cross bred Iris and also worked with the Ottawa County Election Board. Mrs. Wagner enjoyed bowling, fishing Playing cards and shooting pool at the Senior Citizen’s Center. She was always doing things for others and loved her family. Mr. Wagner preceded her in passing in 1994 along with her parents Ray and Ethel, and her sisters Shirley Furnish, Lola Penrod and Betty Dembinski.

Survivors include her sisters Lucille Meredith and her husband Jim of Claremore, Oklahoma, JoNell King of Miami and Carol Sue Stephens and her husband Herschel of Hayesville, Kansas, along with her many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be on Thursday, March 13, 2014 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Miami.

Funeral service will be 1:00 PM on Friday, March 14, 2014 at the Cooper Memorial Chapel at Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service with Minister Leon Weece officiating. Interment will follow at Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Mrs. Wagner's Tribute Page at www.brown-winters.com.

Cemetery Details

Grand Army of the Republic

2801 North Main Street
Miami, OK 74354

Previous Events

Funeral

MAR 14. 1:00 PM (CT)

Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service
5 B Street NW
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Tribute Wall

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“ *My great aunt BB as I always called her was one of my favorite aunts. I live in Kansas but every time we'd go visit my grandma Lucille and grandpa Jim we'd usually see BB too. She was one vivacious lady! She taught me how to play Chinese checkers and dominoes and lots of card games. She would sit with me and Michael and do puzzles for hours and would always listen to our silly stories. Aunt BB was a great woman and I will miss her dearly and always remember her with fondness.*

Linda Drouhard - March 12, 2014 at 04:18 PM

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“ *To the family of Bessie Belle.....I was her neighbor for about 13 years, from 1987 till 2000. She was such a pleasant lovely lady. There were many evenings that she and other neighborhood ladies visited with me and my young son. He was just a little boy, not even in Kindergarten and he would see BB, Thelma, Annabelle and Willie sitting outside and he would tell me, "Mom, let's go visit the Ladies". What a blessing it was to know her!*

Shirley - March 12, 2014 at 03:38 PM

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“ 17 files added to the album Aunt BB



Kimberly Seamon Penrod - March 11, 2014 at 07:59 PM

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“ Auntie BB, thank you for all the years of loving me for me. Enjoy your next adventure
I love you ??

Kimberly Seamon Penrod - March 11, 2014 at 07:49 PM

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“ Kimberly Seamon Penrod lit a candle in memory of Bessie Belle Wagner



Kimberly Seamon Penrod - March 11, 2014 at 07:46 PM

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“ 17 files added to the album Aunt BB



Kimberly Seamon Penrod - March 11, 2014 at 07:45 PM

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“ *Miami's loss, God's gain. We will definitely miss one super Aunt.*
R.King

Richard King - March 11, 2014 at 09:37 AM