



Dena Ander

April 23, 1915 - February 1, 2020

Diana “Dena” Ander an amazing 104 year old business woman passed away on Saturday, February 1, 2020 in Joplin, Missouri. Dena was born April 23, 1915 in Joplin, Missouri. Her dad Joe Ander was born in Poland, when they came to this country they settled in Joplin. Joe brought their family shoe business to Miami to grow into a successful Ander’s Shoe Store which was a Miami mainstay for eighty-nine years. Dena became her father’s business partner in 1951, which is when the first remodeling of the building took place. Her dad Joe passed away in 1968. Since then Dena has carried on the family business. Dena was the only member of the family to remain in Miami. As a youngster she played tennis, basketball, baseball and golf. During her time here in Miami Dena was a great ambassador for our community. She was a member of the Pilot Club, served on the Miami Savings and Loan Board, enjoyed the birthday club and was a staple at the McDonalds Country Club coffee group. Dena’s parents preceded her in passing, her sisters Lena Stevens, Tillie Carr, her brother Albert Ander.

Survivors include her nieces, great nieces and nephews and great great nieces and nephews. Dena is also survived by her loving employees who were her family and her many friends.

There will be a Celebration of Life at 10:00 AM on Friday, February 7, 2020 at First Christian Church Chapel in Miami with Minister Leon Weece and Alan

Whipman, a senior member, from the Joplin Jewish Synagogue, officiating. Interment will follow at the Mount Hope Cemetery in Joplin, Missouri under the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society or the Miami Animal Shelter

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

Cemetery Details

Mount Hope Cemetery - Joplin

3700 N Range Line RD
Webb City, MO 64870

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Christian Church Chapel of Miami
2424 North Main
Miami, OK 74354
(918) 542-9816
<http://www.fccmiamiok.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Dena Ander*



Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - February 06, 2020 at 01:19 PM



Well done and a beautiful tribute to her life!
Carol Kelley

Carol Kelley - February 07, 2020 at 03:12 PM



It was a lovely tribute, just as Dena was truly lovely.

Charlene Lingo - February 10, 2020 at 09:18 AM

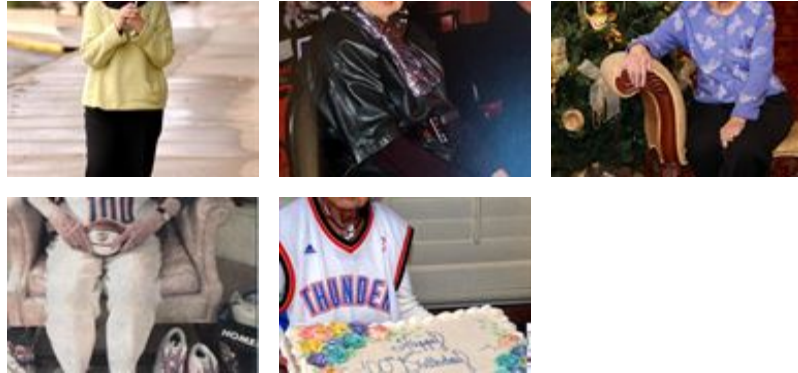


“ *I was a young mother of four daughters. She gave me one of the nicest compliments of my life. She said here you are with four little girls always dressed up and you have always had your hair fixed and your makeup on. So many mothers never take care of themselves but you do. Never have forgotten that nice compliment. Rest In Peace beautiful lady*

sherrie turner - February 07, 2020 at 02:55 PM



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Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - February 06, 2020 at 01:05 PM

KD

“ *What a sweet lady she was! A Miami legend. She will be missed.*

Keila Dewey - February 03, 2020 at 09:41 AM

SR

“ *So sorry to hear of Dena's passing she was one classy lady and business person I always enjoyed going into the store and talk with her she was always ready to donate to the Rebels Car Club with a door prize or what ever she could do to help She will be missed in our town and community--Rest in Peace Dena. From Chester and Shirley Ratliff*

Shirley Ratliff - February 02, 2020 at 04:08 PM

IM

Dena was a beautiful and very smart lady. She was an icon in Miami! When I first moved to Miami from Puerto Rico 🇵🇷 I used to buy shoes from Dena and she will tell me " Oh Darling, those shoes were made just for you." I will always remember that! I will miss visiting with her at McDonald every week. Rest In Peace my dear friend! 🙏

Ines Moore - February 03, 2020 at 10:29 AM

PE

“ Dena was a sweet woman she took care of the women she had working for her like they were family. My mom was one of the for 30 yrs. Shirley Shelton. You will be missed Dena. Give my mom a hug for me and tell her I love her. Peggy

Peggy - February 02, 2020 at 03:58 PM

PG

I loved her and I will miss her! She was an amazing woman and a precious friend.

Peggy Giles - February 02, 2020 at 05:49 PM



Ms Dena indeed was the most classy lady I had the privilege to know! Her smile and laughter will be missed! She Definitely was Miami's first lady!! You will be missed my dear!!!

Linda Nott - February 02, 2020 at 09:10 PM

CM

She was a "Centenarian". And the organization (Centenarians of Oklahoma) honored her on her 100th birthday. We love her for her beauty and her "spunk".

Carole Minter - February 03, 2020 at 12:03 PM

RM

She was a wonderful lady. I would go to her store to buy work shoes for the restaurant and I would always tell her a story about one of my many shenanigans. I always made her laugh! It was an honor to be her friend.

Rebecca Montes-Sano - February 04, 2020 at 01:15 AM