



## Eldona Lorraine France

February 13, 1942 - October 25, 2023

Eldona Lorraine France (Granny Don) went to be with Jesus on October, 25, 2023.

Someone asked her last few weeks, "If I could do anything in the world to make you happy, what would it be?" Her response was "To see my Sweet Jesus". Her faith and love for Jesus was more than church on Sunday mornings, it was her life. She was born on February 13, 1942 to Eldon and Lois Ridenour.

In 1988, Eldona married the love of her life Charles France (Poppy Charlie). Together they worked and served their church, Exciting Southeast Baptist Church in Commerce Oklahoma for 20 years. After his passing, she moved to Exeter, MO, and became a member of First Baptist Church in Cassville, MO, where she continued to serve the Lord, especially with children. She was also a member of Paradise Valley Resort at Roaring State Park, where she enjoyed relaxing and spending time with family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Charles E. France, her siblings, Eldon Leon Ridenour, Arlene Tinsley, Katherine (Kathie) Ellis, and Kenneth Ridenour. She left behind her five children, Jeanna Jones, husband Chuck, Lori Bomar, Virginia Bohrer, husband Steve, Al Cervantes, and Mary Dushane, husband Jimmy. More special than her children were her Grands and Great-Grands. She had 16 Grandchildren and 15 Great-Grandchildren. She also had multiple nieces and nephews that had a special place in her heart.

There will be two services held for Eldona. One on November 4th at 11 AM, at First Baptist Church Cassville, MO. The second being November the 5th at 3 PM, at Exciting Southeast Baptist Church in Commerce, OK.

The family would ask in lieu of flowers, give a donation to Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry to one of the above churches. The Shoebox Ministry was one of her greatest passions.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Mrs. France's Tribute Page at [www.brown-winters.com](http://www.brown-winters.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

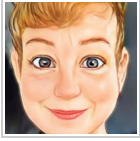
First Baptist Church (Cassville)  
602 West Street  
Cassville, MO 65625

## Celebration of Life

NOV 5. 3:00 PM (CT)

Southeast Baptist Church  
1010 E B  
Commerce, OK 74339

# Tribute Wall



“ Jeanna, Lori, Virginia, Al and Mary. So sorry to hear about your mom. We wish we could be there and give you all hugs in person but Dad can't travel these days. We send our love to you all and your families.

*Leroy Smith Family*

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**Kelly Smith** - October 31, 2023 at 11:06 PM

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“ Aunt Eldona,

*You were the last, to pass, in your family. I really wanted to see you one last time but it wasn't meant to be. I understand*

*Dad would tell me that when you two spoke, on the phone, you wouldn't say goodbye. You would always say "See you in heaven" instead*

*Now, you are all together once again. Just know, that I love & miss you all dearly*

*Love Always.*

*Tina Gragg Ridenour*

*October 28. 2023*

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**Tina Gragg Ridenour** - October 28, 2023 at 04:20 AM

PS

“ Was such a great lady. She loved telling the mission story in Kids Club. Sweet woman of God is now with her sweet Jesus.

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**peggy and jim stokes** - October 27, 2023 at 08:55 PM