



## Zelma Rose Rawlings

September 27, 1927 - July 8, 2012

Zelma Rose Rawlings was born September 27, 1927 near Cabool, Missouri to the late Henry J. and Gladys V. (Lewis) Greuter. She passed away Sunday, July 8, 2012 in Miami at the age of 84. She worked for many years as a beautician. Zelma was a life member of the D.A.V., American Legion and V.F.W. and president of the Ladies Auxiliary to the V.F.W. for 51 years. She was also a member of the Miami Pilot Club. She greatly enjoyed community service, serving Meals on Wheels and assisting veterans, especially those that were hospitalized. She was president of V.F.W. Post 8542 Auxiliary of Welch for 30 years. She also organized Post 2592 of Bernice, 8380 of Grove, 2745 of Nowata, 3573 of Locust Grove and 5307 of Salina. Zelma also served as the State Color Bearer for 16 years, Deputy Chief of State and All State District President for 6 years. She remained active until her death, especially helping hospitalized veterans. Zelma was a member of the First Christian Church of Miami.

Zelma was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Jack Rawlings, brothers, Eugene and Cecil Greuter and a step-daughter, Linda Vanetta

Survivors include her three brothers, Melvin Greuter of Willow Springs, Missouri, Bob Greuter of Freeman, Missouri and Gary Greuter of Blue Springs, Missouri, five sisters, Aleeta Kanies of Independence, Missouri, Donnie McClenahan and Bonnie Bowlin, both of Grandview, Missouri and

Sharon Dudley and Shirley Wetekamp of Willow Springs, Missouri and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service for Zelma will be held 11:00 A.M. Thursday, July 12, 2012 at the First Christian Church Chapel with Minister Leon Weece officiating. Interment will follow in the Glen Abbey Cemetery. Visitation with the family will begin at 10:00 A.M. Thursday at the church. Friends may also visit the funeral home on Wednesday from 12-8 P.M. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church Building Fund or the Home of Hope in Vinita. Arrangements are under the direction of the Brown-Winters Funeral Home of Miami. You may visit Zelma's Tribute Page at [www.brown-winters.com](http://www.brown-winters.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Glen-Abbey Memorial Garden

58915 East 100 Road  
PO Box 1511  
Miami, OK 74355  
(918) 919-9904

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Christian Church Chapel of Miami  
N. Main  
Miami, OK 74354

## Service

JUL 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MD

“*Zelma was at my cross roads in life. I've always felt God sent her my way to save me from myself. I was at the lowest possible point in my life walking down a very very dark path. She showed me how to love myself. She taught me there was peace and harmony in life. She lit the candle that led me through the darkness that eventually led me to where I am today. I will never forget who it was that stood at that crossroads with a cheerful smile and a warm hello... saying its going to be alright, you can do it. My prayers and thoughts go out to the family. Sincerely, Michael Denman*

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**Michael Denman** - July 11, 2012 at 02:21 AM

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“*Zelma was my Aunt by marriage. She was a very special woman who cared for others more than herself. This past year Zelma and I reconnected and were able to visit together a lot. When my grandson lost his newborn son this past April, she sent him a wonderful card to let him know she cared for him. This was how she was. She was a wonderful mother to Linda Kay. Many natural moms would not have cared for Linda as Zelma did. She will always be remembered by my family as a special Aunt. I can still hear her say my name as only she could. I had the wonderful privilege of knowing her for over forty-five years. May god be with her family and be assured this Lovely Lady is in Gods hands. Sincerely Mary Lou(Vanatta) Schenk*

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**Mary Lou (Vanatta) Schenk** - July 10, 2012 at 01:17 PM