



Jewel Maple

January 29, 1915 - August 14, 2010

Funeral services for Jewel Hinds Kennedy Maple of Dexter, New Mexico will be held at Midway Baptist Church on Wednesday, August 18, 2010 at 2 pm with Pastor Lawrence Lovato officiating. Burial will follow at Lake Arthur Cemetery. Jewel passed away on August 14, 2010 at the age of 95. Visitation will be Tuesday, August 17, 2010 from 8 am – 7 pm and Wednesday, August 18, 2010 from 8 am until the 2pm service time.

Jewel was born in Inola, Oklahoma January 29, 1915 to John Bert and Bertha Hinds.

She attended Grace Community Church. Pallbearers will be her grandchildren Rocky, Steven, Larry, Terry, and Kenneth Arthur. Honorary pallbearers will be her remaining Grandchildren.

Jewel was married to Virgil Elvin Kennedy on November 8, 1930 in Wagoner, Oklahoma. Horse and wagon was the mode of transportation in much of her young married life. As a young mother and wife, she picked up coal along the railroad tracks for heating the family home. She also worked stripping timbers for the mines in Northern New Mexico. In addition to rearing her children, Jewel chopped and picked cotton and canned vegetables from the garden she planted and tended. Quilting was Jewel's hobby and passion from the tender age of five years old when her mother placed a needle and thread in her tiny hands. She won many a blue ribbon at the State Fair with her beautiful handiwork. These fabulous quilts now adorn her children's and grandchildren's beds.

Jewel is survived by two sisters, Betty Groomer and husband John of Amarillo, Texas and Pearl Kennedy of Beaverton, Oregon, one brother, Grover Hinds of Buena Park, California; five sons, Paul Kennedy of Amarillo, Texas, Fred Kennedy and wife Marsha of Ponder, Texas, Elvin Kennedy of Pittsburg, Texas, Loren Kennedy and wife Linda of Nevada, Texas, and Johnny Bert Kennedy and wife Reba of Hobbs, New Mexico; five daughters, Viola Williams and husband Bill of Dexter, New Mexico, Loretta Williams and husband Howard of Dexter, New Mexico, Louise Griffin of Roswell, New Mexico, Dora Lard and husband Alan of Lake Arthur, New Mexico and Gayle Ferguson and husband Terry of Dexter, New Mexico; thirty Grandchildren, Kenneth, Terry, Larry, Patricia, Sharon, Debbie, Steve, Troy, Danny, Rocky, Robin, Kimberly, Bobby, Ray, Chris, Jeffery, Rebecca, Rose Marie, Crystal, Michael, Michelle, Pamela, Arthur, Alanna, Amanda, Jason, Marjori, Shelly, Sandra, and Stacie. Also surviving Jewel are sixty three Great Grandchildren, thirty two Great-Great Grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, and many friends. Mary & Loyd Peacock and Rosie & Lawrence Lovato will be remembered among Mama's closest and dearest friends.

Jewel was preceded in death by her parents, John Bert and Bertha Hinds, her husband Virgil E. Kennedy, the father of her 13 children , and second husband Charlie Maple, a childhood friend, four sisters Opal, Oreta, Jean, and Daisy, four brothers John, Jimmy, Glen and Wilmer, two daughters Fern Marie Kennedy and Shirley Ann Kennedy, (one son) Ernest Lee Kennedy, three Grandchildren Kathryn Kennedy, Claudia Fay Williams and Jason Kennedy, two Great Grandchildren Christopher Cones, Amanda Kennedy, three Great-Great Grandchildren, twins Korbin and Konner Kennedy, Gilbert Antonio Rincon, two daughters-in-law Janice Kennedy and Retha Kennedy.

Our Mama was indeed our precious "Jewel" and we will miss her greatly. Mama loved life and was happiest when being with her "kids" whether it was playing games, baking cookies, canning jelly, or quilting a gift. The most notable feature and lasting memory of our Mama will be her smile, as she was always wearing one. Please share your memories with the family in the online

register book at andersonbethany.com Services are under the direction of Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home & Crematory.

Shared with you today is a poem written by Gayle Kennedy-Phillips-Ferguson, the youngest of Mama's 13 children.

MAMA'S BAKERS DOZEN

There once were thirteen children Born into a loving home But three of them have left us To sit beside God's Throne.

Mama worked to make us happy In our humble, crowded home With so much love around us We could never feel alone.

Mama called us her Baker's Dozen Six were boys and seven girls To the Lady that struggled to raise us She's the best thing in our world.

We once lived close together Now we're scattered far and wide But the distance cannot smother The love held deep inside.

Although we live our separate lives With families of our own No matter where our Mama lives That's where we all call home.

Mama, you called us your Baker's Dozen Six were boys and seven girls You struggled hard just to raise us You're the best thing in our world.

Author: Gayle Kennedy-Phillips-Ferguson Till we meet again

Tribute Wall



“ *Jewel Maple*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy is with each and every one. I went to grade school with the Kennedy Children, and have had very fond memories of them. I remember when they left the Penasco, my Mother was sadden.... May God be with each and every one...*

Serena Bates Fernau - August 23, 2010 at 05:39 PM



“ *Since 1969 in Terre Haute, IN. when Loretta and Howard took care of Jerry Don, it was a blessing to be able to get to experience the love of Granny Jewel. She made me want to learn to quilt, can fruit and vegetables, and smile even over tough times. Granny and Loretta showed me how to be a mother to my son, and they adopted us when our parents and grandparents lived so far away. It has been a joy to experience the LOVE of JESUS all these years. "Til we meet again in the LAND beyond the river..." we will go on remembering those wonderful days and looking forward to opportunities to make new memories.*

Betty Kelsey - August 22, 2010 at 03:33 PM



“ *What an intresting obituary. Our condolences to the family, she lived a very good life*

Bob and Carol Hinds - August 20, 2010 at 07:55 PM

MD

“ I just wanted to let you know that my thought and prayers, love and well wishes are with all of you at this time. Gran was such a sweet and loving Gran to all of us growing up and I have such good memories of her! I will always cherish the quilt that she knitted for Micaylie when she was born with such tender love and care, what a wonderful gift she was to all of us! We all have been truly blessed to have had her in our lives!

Melisa and Micaylie Daubert - August 18, 2010 at 07:55 PM

SD

“ My heart goes out to your family for this great loss. She was such a sweet person. I enjoyed reading about her life and legacy. My prayers are with you as you say your goodbyes, but I know there's hope in that you will see her again one day. I send along my hugs. Love to all, Susan

Susan Doyle - August 18, 2010 at 10:34 AM

CW

“ Jewel is and always will be a strong member of the family. She layed the foundation and stood proud as the family tree branches extended out in many directions. Jewel may be gone but she lives on in each one of us.

Cece Watts - August 18, 2010 at 12:27 AM

RK

“ Loretta & Howard & family Please accept our sympathies for the loss of your precious Granny. She was such a wonderful lady when we got to meet her at Kim and Wally's. Loved to read about her life, how very interesting. What a strong woman, and role model. Carolyn, Russell & Chelsea

Russell & Carolyn Kear - August 17, 2010 at 10:35 PM

LK

“ I just want to thank you grandma,for being one of those very special person's in my life,you always had a smile on your face,an your arms were always open to give a loving hug.you gave birth to very caring & loving uncle & aunts, an the most awesome father that a kid could ask for.now you & mom can be together again i love you very much

Larry Kennedy - August 17, 2010 at 09:10 PM

RF

“ Jewel was a beautiful lady, we were so fortunate to know her. We do believe we shall meet again one day, and what a joyous occasion it shall be.We loved her dearly, and grieve with you all. Love and prayers always. Ron and Mary Fousek

Ron&Mary Fousek. - August 17, 2010 at 07:35 PM

VS

“ Although I didn't know you , I know you must have been a very special lady! My thoughts and prayers are with your family as they try to fill the gaping whole in their heart. But with God's love and strength They will be ok, knowing how blessed they have all been.

Virginia Springer - August 17, 2010 at 07:26 PM

RL

“ Our beautiful "Jewel" and my sweet dear friend. You will be forever missed. I will never forget Jewel's beautiful smile that always lit up the room. Jewel blessed us with her presence and her talent with quilting and canning jelly. She made sure her family, friends, and the Women's Refuge for Battered Adults were kept warm and snug under one of her "hand-made quilts" that she made and gave away with so much love. My thoughts and prayers are with her beloved family. May God's love bring you peace and comfort that covers all understanding.

Rosie Lovato - August 17, 2010 at 05:59 PM

AR

“ Gayle and Stacie, Sorry to hear about the passing of your mother and grandmother. Will keep you in my prayers. Love you both

Ana Cruz Ramharak - August 17, 2010 at 05:00 PM

LO

“ A Smile is a light in the window of our soul, indicating the heart is home. Mama your heart and beautiful smile are home. I love you

Loretta - August 17, 2010 at 02:27 PM

DC

“ Whew, what a large family!.... and, what a lot of love. We knew and loved Jewel when she lived in Terre Haute, IN with Howard & Loretta.

Dick & Arlene Clark - August 17, 2010 at 02:11 PM

JT

“ We thank the Lord everyday that he lent Granny to us for the 95 years she visited here. She is now home and looking down on each of us. Granny was a beautiful woman both inside and out. I wish I had one more day to spend with you Granny, but it is now time for you to continue to watch over us as you did when we were children. We love you Granny. You will be greatly missed.

Jerry, Shelly, Danae, and Reginald Tapia - August 17, 2010 at 01:23 PM

RP

“ Today we are saddened at heart. Aunt Jewel is the sister of my mother Pearl and I will always have fond memories of her visits to our home. Her sweet nature, sense of humor and her wild yatzee games are etched in my heart and mind. How did her mama and papa know how appropriate the name Jewel would be? She was a precious jewel indeed. We look forward to seeing her in the resurrection she also believed in.

Rebecca Powell - August 17, 2010 at 12:10 PM

MW

“ Such a wonderful loving mother, grandmother, friend to all. She was such a giving person. She made my life wonderful at a time I needed it most. She will be greatly missed. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Mary & Don Whitlow

Mary Whitlow - August 17, 2010 at 12:02 PM

KS

“ What a wonderful lady my Aunt Jewel was. Every time she came out to visit family in California we would always go visit her. Or she would come stay a week with us. She loved to play games with us no mater how silly it might be. I wish I would have bought one of her wonderful quilts. I do have a few her mother made that I put away to keep them as nice as possible. Aunt Jewel you will be missed by so many loving family. now when I am working as Santa when I am maybe a little tired and sore from a long day I can think of your smile and get me through the day.... I LOVE YOU AUNT JEWEL!!!

Kevin Lee Scott - August 16, 2010 at 11:24 PM

RS

“ I have such fond memories of Aunt Jewel. She was always so nice and alway had a smile. She was the sister to my Grandmother Opal and Aunt to my mother Judith Watts. She will truly be missed and I know we will meet again when the Lord calls us home.
Love, Renomia

Renomia Scott - August 16, 2010 at 11:09 PM

JG

“ What a wonderful woman, who lived a long, long time. Brought joy to all her family, & always with a smile. Loved life and enjoyed it to the fullest. May she now rest in peace, with all those she loved to remember her & follow her example of how to live a happy, fulfilling life.

Janice Adkins Greenwood - August 16, 2010 at 10:52 PM

GA

“ Jewel Maple

Gayle - August 16, 2010 at 10:51 PM

VA

“ I know everyone will miss Aunt Jewel,just remember she is in the Loving arms of Jesus.and with all her family having another family Reunion...I Thank God he Gave her to us for 95 years,She has been able to Bless so Many along her path.i am Blessed to have her as my Aunt..I Love you and will miss you.I will see you in Glory one day..

Veona Ackerman - August 16, 2010 at 10:38 PM

LJ

“ You will be greatly missed. I will always think of you when I pull out my amazing quilt you gave me for graduation. You are an amazing person. I will miss you. Love, Lori

Lori Johnson - August 16, 2010 at 08:56 PM

LC

“ Dear Loretta, Howard and Family,
Thanks you for letting us know about your mother. Hold fast to the happy memories and know you and your precious family are in our prayers. Remember....Life doesn't end here. Your Mother's life has just begun!! Hugs and Prayers, Lloyd & Donna

Lloyd & Donna Claypool - August 16, 2010 at 08:04 PM

CF

“ My prayers go out to the Family of such a lovely Lady!! Mrs. Maple had such a warm and caring heart and I'm lucky to have had the pleasure of knowing her.

Christy (Lovato)Villarreal and Family - August 16, 2010 at 05:21 PM