



Mardell L Campbell

March 8, 1928 - December 28, 2021

Mardell Lemmon Campbell, 93, passed away on December 28th, 2021.

Mardell was born in 1928 in New Albany, Indiana, to Georgia (Irwin) Lemmon and Marshall Lemmon. She was the little sister to Dorothy (Dottie) Lemmon.

Mardell's best-loved memories of growing up were of dance lessons, neighborhood games, and most of all, Girl Scouts. These fond memories were shared with her family members, including how to sing "Three Cheers for Tunnel Mill" (her local Girl Scout camp.) Her Girl Scout leader taught Mardell a parlor trick that remains a sworn secret within the family to this day.

Most importantly, the love of Mardell's life was Paul Everton Campbell. Paul and Mardell met at New Albany Christian Church growing up, and their correspondence during WWII resulted in their marriage in 1946.

After completing degrees under the GI Bill, Paul was offered employment with Phillips Petroleum Company, and they ventured off to a foreign land -- Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Despite the unknown, they rose to the challenge, benefitting their new-chosen home. Mardell and Paul became members in First Christian Church, then founders in its next generation, Disciple's Christian Church. Mardell and Paul's Christian faith was a cornerstone in their lives, and commitment to their church community through classes, choirs, and outreach benefitted many.

Mardell was highly active in church, school, and scout organizations. Her sense of adventure led to traveling across the United States as well as Europe with Paul. She was a talented and skilled photographer.

In 1981 Mardell and best friend Joan Fraser conspired to create a retail space new to Bartlesville, Around the House. It was a huge success.

Paul and Mardell moved to Tulsa in 1994 to be closer to family. There they continued to host family gatherings that grew in size, love, and laughter. She cherished family game time and had a wry sense of humor. Mardell's love of holiday decorating included every room in their home, and her festive spirit was infectious. Marathon Christmas morning celebrations were a surprise to new family members as they stretched far into the afternoon, needing to pause first for breakfast, then lunch.

Mardell was a fabulous mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

Paul Everton Campbell passed away in 2016.

Mardell Lemmon Campbell is survived by a son, Keith Campbell, and two daughters, Becky Gray and Lisa Campbell Ernst: three fantastic "outlaws," Ruth Campbell, Jim Gray, and Lee Ernst. Her wonderful grandchildren are Kevin (Michelle) Gray, Marshall (Cailey) Gray, Ben (Cassie) Gray, Elizabeth (Robbie) Ernst-Miller, and Allison Ernst. Her superb great-grandchildren are Eleanor Gray, Sophie Gray, Audrey Gray, Jack Gray, Chloe Gray, Cora Gray, and Catherine Gray.

We celebrate a life well-lived!