



Crystal Nadine Epperson

July 7, 1924 - November 10, 2023

Crystal Nadine Epperson was born on July 7, 1924, in Nowata, Oklahoma to Charles Loren Epperson and Agnes Clella (Bray) Epperson. She passed from this life on Friday, November 10, 2023, at the age of 99 years. Crystal was raised and educated in Nowata and graduated with the Nowata High school Class of 1942. She went on to study nursing at Mennonite Hospital in Kansas. After working at a disabled children's hospital, Crystal decided she wanted to travel and went to the local recruiting office and enlisted in the United States Air Force. She completed her training at the University of Oklahoma through the Federal Cadet Nursing Corps. Crystal served over sees as a nurse during the Korean War and the Vietnam War and was stationed at various bases throughout her career such as Japan, Illinois, California, Thailand and Turkey. She retired as the title of Colonel after thirty years of service. During that time, Crystal visited 92 countries. Upon returning home, she still traveled, but spent most of her time resting and relaxing at her cabin in Rollinsville, Colorado.

She is survived by:

Her Sister-in-Law;

Hazel Epperson

Nieces and Nephew;

Rhonda Atkinson

Terry Simeroth

Scott Epperson and wife Brenda

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Clella, and two

brothers, Merlin and Loren.

A visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at Mowery Funeral Service in Owasso. Funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 16, 2023, at the Mowery Funeral Service Chapel with Reverend Leonard Pirtle officiating. Interment will be held at Nowata Cemetery in Nowata, Oklahoma. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made in Crystal's memory to The Salvation Army, 924 S. Hudson, Tulsa, OK 74112.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Mowery Funeral Service
9110 North Garnett Road
Owasso, OK 74055

Funeral Service

NOV **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mowery Funeral Service Chapel
9110 North Garnett Road
Owasso, OK 74055

LIVE STREAM SERVICE

NOV **16**. 11:00 AM.

Mowery Funeral Service Live Stream
<https://vimeo.com/moweryfs>

Memorial Fund

NOV **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Salvation Army
P.O. Box 53
Owasso, OK 74055

Tribute Wall

DC

“ *Crystal was my chief nurse at Mather AFB in Sacramento CA in the late '70's. I learned a lot from her and respected her knowledge. I did call her a few weeks ago; we did not talk very long as she said she was not having a good day. I am saddened to learn of her passing. Donna L Cleland Cousino, Col USAF Ret*

Donna Cleland Cousino - December 12, 2023 at 11:17 AM

LS

“ *On behalf of the Society of Air Force Nurses, please know we are mourning with you the death of our friend and colleague. retired Colonel Crystal Epperson. She was a remarkable woman who made a difference in the lives of so many during her almost century journey through life. She was a longtime member of the Society, and a donation will be made in her honor and memory as suggested. Crystal will be missed by so many, and she will not be forgotten by the community of Air Force nurses. Linda J. Stierle, Brigadier General, USAF, Retired*

Linda Stierle - December 05, 2023 at 03:09 PM

LO

“ *Before we closed our restaurant in Owasso she went to Thailand and was a guest of Tavin's family. Early in Her military service her friendship developed with the Mother Queen of Thailand. . She made a trip into Cambodia also. While in Vietnam her nursing duties were put to the extremes in saving military wounded. We will always honor her memories. Love to her family and friends.*

Louise - November 17, 2023 at 11:05 PM

LI

“ *Condolences to her neice and family. Her precious life was shared in friendship.*

Louise&Tavin Imerbthama - November 17, 2023 at 10:49 PM

LO

“ *Louise&Tavin lit a candle in memory of Crystal Nadine Epperson*



Louise&Tavin - November 17, 2023 at 10:43 PM

DM

“ *So sorry for your loss.*
Dolores Morton

Dolores M Morton - November 15, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Crystal Nadine Epperson.*



November 13, 2023 at 02:28 PM