



Nina Pearl Porter

July 5, 1924 - April 7, 2015

'Nina Pearl (Miller) Porter was born July 5, 1924, to Thomas Winfield Miller and Nancy Ann (Parks) Miller at home on their farm northeast of Welch, Oklahoma. She passed on to her heavenly home April 7, 2015, in Owasso, Oklahoma, at the age of 90 years. The eighth of 11 children, Nina was raised with one sister and nine brothers and attended the one room Banner School. After the death of her mother when Nina was 13, she moved from the farm to live with an aunt and uncle in Miami, Oklahoma. She graduated from Miami High School in 1942, worked for the Puritan Dairy and later as a telephone operator. While there, she met Emerson T. Porter, an accountant at then Spartan Aircraft Company and the associated flying school where pilots, many of them British cadets, were being trained during World War II. They were married September 21, 1944, in Miami and moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma, one year later. Nina and Emerson celebrated 67 years of marriage and had two children. She was a member of Sheridan Avenue United Methodist Church. Nina found great joy in cooking, gardening, sewing, singing and shopping for her family. She was also a Brownie troop leader, Cub Scout den mother, women's bowling league member and an Avon representative. In her later years, she introduced herself as "Nina Pearl, the Country Girl" and was known as "The Songbird" of her Owasso assisted living community. Loving family members include daughter and son in law, Sueann and William Freeman of Tahlequah, Oklahoma; son and daughter in law, Rex and Victoria Porter of Owasso, Oklahoma; seven grandchildren: Scott Freeman and wife

Julie, Heather Foster and husband Buddy Ray, Jimmy Smittle and wife Melissa, Matt Smittle and wife Annmarie, Kara Caldwell and husband Sandy, Sara Lewis and husband Rob, and Chuck Porter; nine great grandchildren: Tim, Taylor, Trisha, Margaret, Gracie, Jimmy, Naia, Jack and Kooper; and seven great great grandchildren: Vanassa, Drake, Benjamin, Jaden, Penelope, Madeline and Chloe. Also, two brothers, Mack Miller and Joe Miller and wife Billie, and many nieces and nephews. Nina was preceded in death by her parents; sister Irene Phillips and husband Lester; seven brothers: Fred Miller and wife Annie Pearl, Woodrow Miller, Turk Miller and wife Pearl, Bill Miller, Tom Miller, Frank Miller and wife Ethel, and Jack Miller; sister in law, Eveleen Polone and husband Tiff; and several nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. before the 10:00 a.m. Celebration of Life Service on Monday, April 13, 2015, at Mowery Funeral Service Chapel in Owasso. The Reverend Pat Freeman and Rob Lewis will officiate and Pastor Paul Purifoy will serve as vocalist. Serving as casket bearers will be grandsons Scott Freeman, Buddy Ray Foster, Jimmy Smittle, Matt Smittle, Sandy Caldwell and Chuck Porter. Interment will be at Memorial Park Cemetery in Tulsa. Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso. www.moweryfs.com'

Tribute Wall

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“*'Rex and Vicki,\r\nWe were sorry to read of your loss. We pray that God will surround you with His loving care and peace.\r\nBrenda and Dave Juby'*

Brenda and Dave Juby - April 13, 2015 at 05:59 PM

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“*'Rex and Vicki, We are sorry for your loss but know that she has that great big smile on her face again, singing with Jesus! Love and prayers to all of you!'*

Connie & Allen Warlick - April 13, 2015 at 03:39 PM

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“*'I love ya, Nina Pearl. I'll be seein ya. Mack'*

Mack Miller - April 10, 2015 at 12:39 AM

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“*'Sue Ann, Rex, and family, we love ya and take comfort in knowing she is back with Dad, Bill, And Tom. She never lost sight of where she came from even amongst the pavement and sidewalk. The house off Pine St was where Dad, Bill, Tom, and Mack would visit their sister and watch the planes fly. We know that where she is now, she is going to be rejoined with Dad, Bill, Tom, and James for a game of pitch and sing "Uncloudy Day" with Tom. We love ya. Jackie and Michelle'*

Michelle (Toots) & Jackie Miller - April 10, 2015 at 12:37 AM