

God's Garden

God looked around his garden
And found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So he closed your weary eyelids
And whispered, 'Peace be thine.'
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

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Lois Nadine "Shorty" VanLandingham, age 88 of Liberal, Missouri, passed away December 17, 2013 in Sand Springs, Oklahoma after a long illness.

Shorty was born June 2, 1925 in Liberal to Roy and Versie (Smith) Essex. She attended Liberal High School and later married Myrl VanLandingham on October 21, 1944. She moved from Liberal to Kansas City Kansas, and in 1963, relocated to Campbell, California. In 1982, she moved back to Liberal. Shorty's favorite pastime was to quilt and crochet. Her family meant everything to her.

Survivors include her five children and their spouses; Terry and Dave Hill of Liberal, Rick and Sharon VanLandingham of Granite Bay, California, Ron and Debbie VanLandingham of Sand Springs, Jerry and Lynn VanLandingham of Peyton, Colorado, and Becky and Marty Owens of Woodinville, Washington; 16 grandchildren and 35 great grandchildren; her sister Margaret Martin of Santa Rosa, California; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Shorty was preceded in death by her husband Myrl on October 13, 1996; her parents, Versie and Roy; siblings Lawrence Essex, Leona Frame, Walter "Bud" Essex, Bertie Lewman and Harley Essex; and a grandson, Brian Trammell.

IN MEMORY OF
Lois "Shorty" VanLandingham
June 2, 1925 - December 17, 2013

FUNERAL SERVICE

1:00 p.m. Sunday, December 22, 2013
Christian Church
Liberal, Missouri

OFFICIATING

Minister Scott Grey

MUSIC SELECTIONS

"Kiss An Angel Good Morning"
"When I Get Where I'm Going" - "Amazing Grace"
Vocalist: Rick Fast

PALLBEARERS

Rick VanLandingham - Ron VanLandingham
Jerry VanLandingham - Dave Hill
Marty Owens - John Pock

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Jim Pock - Ronnie VanLandingham

AT REST

Liberal Cemetery
Liberal, Missouri