



Sara L. Fixmer

December 18, 1939 - January 30, 2020

Sara L. Fixmer, of Springdale, Arkansas died on January 30, 2020. She was born December 18, 1939 in Salina, Oklahoma. She and her husband, Tom, lived in Tulsa and Bixby, Oklahoma most of their married life. She moved to Arkansas in 1996 and retired in 2001. Her working life was a varied one beginning at age sixteen as a secretary upon graduation from high school. Other positions she held included personnel manager, administrative assistant, accountant and treasurer.

She received a B.S.B.A. degree from the University of Tulsa in 1983 and worked as a partner in business with her husband from 1985 until 1994. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Springdale and volunteered at the Bread of Life and was trained as a Stephen Minister. Upon retirement she became a Master Gardener, volunteering at Botanical Garden of the Ozarks and various parks, took classes and bridge lessons at OLLI, played bridge and Canasta with the Newcomers group, enjoyed SONA and Broadway plays, jazz concerts and comedies at Walton Art Center and great exhibits at Crystal Bridges.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Leslie and Michael Victor of Murphy, Texas. Grandchildren surviving are Lauren, Cassie and Ryan Victor, Stephanie Jaynes Mathis, (husband Dustin) and Alex Jaynes and wife Sandra and great grandchildren, Jason and Riley, and Scarlet Mathis. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, along with many friends and extended family. She gives special thanks to the Buchanan clan for sharing their life with her, especially to Carrie and Marilyn for the endless and zany fun wherever we were and whatever we did, and to Lonnie and Kim for always being there as well as to Steve Jaynes and Diane King for taking on Guardian/financial duties.

She was preceded in death by her husband; Tom Fixmer, daughter; Audrey Fixmer Jaynes, son; Kristopher Shawn Fixmer, her parents; Alva and Cassie Rutherford, brothers; Wayne and Dale Rutherford, and sister; Doris Woods.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 11:00 AM, in the Chapel of First United Methodist Church in Springdale. An inurnment service will be held at Memorial Park in Tulsa, Oklahoma on Friday, February 14, 2020 at 10:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Circle of Life Foundation or First United Methodist Church Foundation.

Events

FEB **Memorial Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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First United Methodist Church

206 W Johnson Ave, Springdale, AR, US, 72764

FEB **Graveside Service** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Tulsa Memorial Park

5111 S Memorial Dr, Tulsa, OK, US, 74145

Comments



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"I have a granddaughter, Sarah, who is in her twenties and lives in Philadelphia. She visits me twice a year at Christmastime and in the summer. She and Sara quickly became good friends with both ignoring the fifty year difference. Just about every visit the two of them would go shopping together and have lunch. They would come back, show and talk about their purchases, and tell of what a good time they had together. The three of us would do things together and have fun and pleasant companionship.

Sarah and I visited Sara for a wonderful hour and a half during the holidays at the end of last year. Neither Sarah nor I realized this would be our last chance to visit and that is a great sorrow.

I learned so much from Sara who was highly knowledgeable in so many areas and shared that knowledge readily to my sure interest. We often held opposing opinions which we discussed without rancor with each of us respecting the point of view of the other. Sara was a remarkable lady and is irreplaceable in my life. I loved her. I love her now. I will love her until the end of my time."

Sarah Kaepfel - February 17 at 02:36 PM



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"Sara was meeting with her banker and friend Sharon. I came to the bank where Sharon invited me into her office and introduced me to Sara. Subsequently, Sharon advised me that Sara was a special lady and that I should follow up. I did and we had our first date in early January 2013. Our friendship lasted for six years.

Sara had fine style and taste. This included her stunning appearance whatever the occasion; her homes; and her yards, where she used her skills as a master gardener to obtain her desired lovely results. All greatly admired by me.

We had one or more restaurant suppers every week, and found places we both liked - and disliked. Several times a year Sara would prepare a cooked and baked supper for us. As in everything she put her hand to she was both skilled and imaginative. What a treat for a single man who was incapable of cooking.

We would scan movie reviews and go to a movie only when we were sure both of us would enjoy it. We would go in the late afternoon and then get a nice supper afterward.

Twice Sara took us to Branson during the fall color. We admired the bright, multicolored trees while traveling and also surrounding Branson. We saw a couple of shows of different types to our enjoyment. And we ate reasonably decent food.

Sara took us to a resort near Charlottesville, Virginia - a gorgeous part of the country. We toured the James Madison home and slave plantation. We drove a nice distance on the Blue Ridge Parkway where we looked down and out on the beautiful, spectacular surroundings. She graciously allowed us to visit Roanoke, the home of an historic railroad museum of interest to me.

She moved to a new home in Springdale which was quite drab. She, who was so wonderfully independent, permitted me to assist her in moving things. For me that was a privilege. I also repaired, improved and added things that were more in my line than hers.

Then she fixed up the interior with furnishings and decoration that transformed it into a tasteful, fine looking, comfortable home. She put her skills and energy and ideas to work in the yard and gardens with outstanding results. This was a process that continued for the rest of her days.

I became a member of the new Crystal Bridges Art Museum. We went together to all of their specially collected exhibits. Each we found to be of astonishing scope. They ranged from Norman Rockwell to Chihuly. We often spoke of the most remarkable one of all: the chief executive and the curator combed the whole country for local artists of every type and put on a collection of about one hundred. We both thought it was stunningly eye-opening.

Sara and I attended every performance of the Symphony of Northwest Arkansas. We both thought that we were most fortunate to have such an outstanding musical ensemble available for our pleasure. We went to a number of special concerts, ranging from the traditional Lincoln Center Jazz Band headed by Wynton Marsalis to the rock musician Joe Bonamassa who plays the guitar at a seemingly impossible level.

On a more mundane level we watched many, many episodes of Jeopardy. We each sipped a glass of wine while we participated in and commented upon the show. Typically, we were together for about an hour indulging in interesting conversation."



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