



Cohee Merriott

October 20, 1914 - March 28, 2015

Cohee Merriott, age 100, went to be with her Lord and Savior on March 28, 2015. She was born in Magdalena, NM on October 20, 1914 and raised in Tishomingo, Oklahoma. She lived her life with energy and enthusiasm, ready for challenges and relying on her faith in Christ Jesus for wisdom, guidance and support.

Cohee is preceded in death by her husband, Gene Merriott; her parents, Onie and Joel Wolfe; brothers, Glenn and John (Pogie); and sister, Romero. She is survived by her nephews, Crayton, Robin, and Floyd; her nieces, Berniece and Cynthia; and great and great-great nephews and nieces. She especially loved her twin great-great nephews Wiley and Garrett Byrd and their sister Olivia, and Kolt and Karli Byrd. She is also survived by good friends, Lenn and Danny Prince, their children and grandchildren who loved Cohee as their “adopted” grandmother.

Cohee was very proud of her Chickasaw Indian heritage and her voicemail greeting was “You have reached Cohee’s little teepee, why don’t you send me a smoke signal”.

Hundreds of people celebrated her 100th birthday with an open house and reception at First Baptist Church and Brookdale Place Valencia. Cohee enjoyed UNM football and basketball but her true passion was Oklahoma University football. She treasured the Happy Birthday call that came from famed OU coach Barry Switzer.

Cohee, a devoted Christian, was a member of Albuquerque’s First Baptist

Church where the congregation knew her for her bright colored clothing and hats. Even at age 100 she was faithful to weekly Bible study.

After retiring as a librarian at Kirtland Air Force Base, she took up golf and joined the Hilltop Women's Golf Club at University South course. She volunteered with UNM men's and women's golf tournaments. She visited every state in the US and traveled around the world, making many new younger friends on each trip. For years a group of friends met every Thursday at Padilla's Restaurant.

A visitation will be held Wednesday, April 1 2015 at 12:00 p.m. at FRENCH - University. A Memorial Service will follow at 1:00 p.m. Interment will follow at 3:00 p.m. at Santa Fe National Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church Albuquerque Building Fund, 4601 Paradise Blvd., Suite B, Albuquerque, NM 87114. We ask that you wear red clothing or a hat to the service to honor Cohee.

Cemetery Details

Santa Fe National Cemetery

Santa Fe, NM

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 1. 12:00 PM (MT)

FRENCH Funerals - Cremations (University)
1111 University Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87102
(505) 843-6333
<https://www.FrenchFunerals.com>

Memorial Service

APR 1. 1:00 PM (MT)

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Interment

APR 1. 3:00 PM (MT)

Santa Fe National Cemetery
Santa Fe, NM

Tribute Wall

MM

“ I was so lucky to know Cohee when I played for the Lobos in the mid 90's. She was so supportive of all of us and made us feel so special. What a wonderful person and I know she will be missed by all who knew her. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.

megan Menzel - April 04, 2015 at 09:03 PM

LH

“ It was around 30 years ago that my wife Shirley and I met Cohee. We were in transit at the airport (heading who know where) when we wondered upon this sweet energetic little lady. At that moment we knew we had join hearts with this beautiful and warm little lady. Through the years we keep in touch by phone calls and sharing photos. We are sadden by the passing of our dear friend. However, we anticipate the fact that we will see her again as Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ one day welcome us in with Cohee standing by His side.

With Love, Lee and Shirley Haney



Lee and Shirley Haney - April 02, 2015 at 07:20 AM

GK

“ I met Cohee when I was 12. We moved into the house ai 3131 Colorado across the street from her and Gene in 1965. Cohee always took time to visit with me no matter what she was doing, then and now over the past 50+ years I have counted her as one of my dearest friends and she will be missed. I know she is having a grand time in Heaven and I will see her again! Thank you for making a difference in the life of a child. I shall never forget you! xo Ginger (Richardson) Kulpit

ginger kulpit - April 01, 2015 at 02:35 PM

RC

“ Our condolences to the family! Prayers for the family being sent with much Love of Christ! Ruben & Shelley Castillo, Ganado, Texas

Ruben & Shelley Castillo - April 01, 2015 at 08:02 AM

LP

“ Cohee was much loved by both Dallas and me. It was our pleasure knowing and enjoying her. We will see her again when we all get together. I can imagine she and Dallas are enjoying good times now. We love you Cohee---Lula

Lula Parman - March 31, 2015 at 09:52 PM

BP

“ I will forever remember Cohee. I met her when I visited my sister and went to Padilla's with my sister. My grandson was with me. I think he was about 7 years old. He and Cohee sat next to each other and talked the whole time. Cohee brought him some gifts. They kept in contact ever since.
My sincere condolences to the family

Barbara Price - March 31, 2015 at 04:21 PM

GK

“ We celebrate Cohee! We are sad for our loss, but our loss is Heavens gain. Your work here is done. Thank you Lord for bringing Cohee into our lives. We know you are reunited with Gene and all the rest of your family and your joy is complete. God speed dear one. You will be missed



Ginger and Michael Kulpit - March 30, 2015 at 09:46 PM

LG

“ Lauren, Shawn, Madison. McKinley and Monroe Golden purchased the Eternal Memories for the family of Cohee Merriott.



Lauren, Shawn, Madison. McKinley and Monroe Golden -
March 30, 2015 at 02:52 PM

KS

“ On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences..

Kristian Schmidt - March 30, 2015 at 02:08 PM

BD

Cohee, You and Dale are celebrating together. Heaven is a better place with the two of you there.

Betty Danielson - March 30, 2015 at 09:41 PM

LR

Cohee has been my "rock" since we met through Gene and golf in 1973 at UNM South Golf Course. So many good times, a few bad times, and she will be greatly missed by my whole family. "Behave yourself, Cohee, and slow down now." You have my love, always, LaNelle

LaNelle Ruebush - March 31, 2015 at 12:54 PM

CS

Not only was Cohee one of my favorite people, she was a very dear friend to my mother Jolene Morris. I will never forget her wonderful personality, positive attitude and never ending love for people. We enjoyed many "Lady Lobo" basketball games together and she and my mom were devoted "Lady Lobo" golf fans. I speak for both my mom and myself when I say we were truly blessed to have known her. Happy Trials Cohee!!!!

Cindy Shroba

Cindy Shroba - April 03, 2015 at 11:00 AM

JS

My wife and I met Cohee in 2005 when we bought the house to the north of her. She came over to introduce herself and was dressed to the nines in her smart outfit and her jewelry. Our cat, Ishi, came to greet her and she was so happy to learn his name and told us, "I know all about the first Ishi." We all hit it off from then on. She was a wonderful lady, a great neighbor, and a kind, loving soul that we can only hope to emulate in our daily lives.

John and Kathie Stikar - April 07, 2015 at 10:40 PM