



Sophia Geneva (Gene) Davidson

July 27, 2014

Sophia Geneva (Gene) Davidson passed away on Sunday, July 27, 2014. She was the daughter of George and Ruby Croft. Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, she moved to Manhattan, Kansas after marrying Loren Irving Davidson (Dave) on November 6, 1943. She raised her only child, Toni, in Manhattan and opened a licensed Day Care Center in her home so she could be a stay-at-home Mom. Gene soon gained a reputation as the most desirable place for parents to leave their children while they worked and always had a waiting list. In 1971 she cut back from seven children to five so she could help take care of her granddaughter, Tamara, while Toni worked. Gene and Dave retired and moved to Scottsdale, AZ in 1991 to be close to Toni and then followed her back to Albuquerque in 2006. Gene is survived and was adored by her daughter, Toni Fleisher and son-in-law Mark; her granddaughter, Tamara Selimovic and husband Alan; three great-grandchildren, Jordan, Payton, and Jaxson Selimovic who loved their Great Grandma so much; sister, Lucille Oxley and husband Ed; niece, Sonja Hill and her two children Breanna Corpus Borce and Shayna Rians; nephews, Kenny (and Linda), Eddie (and Maria), and Michael Oxley; the wonderful caregivers who helped made her life easier over the past five years, and her precious dog Oreo. We all will miss her so. She was always generous, kind-hearted, loving, and filled with positive thoughts and encouragement for those around her. Funeral services will be held Thursday, July 31, 2014, 5:30 p.m., at FRENCH – Wyoming. Friends may visit beginning at 4:30 p.m.

FRENCH – Wyoming
7121 Wyoming Blvd. NE
(505) 823-9400

Cemetery Details

Gate of Heaven Cemetery

7999 Wyoming Blvd. NE
Albuquerque, NM

Previous Events

Services

JUL **31**. 5:30 PM (MT)

FRENCH Funerals - Cremations (Wyoming)
7121 Wyoming Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109
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Tribute Wall

KB

“ Toni, I am so, so sorry. Your family was my second family growing up and I have mountains of wonderful memories. To this day, I cannot look at Pop Tarts and not think of Gene. Sitting in your kitchen with a glass of milk and a pop tart for an after school snack (or whenever we could talk her into giving us one). Remembering that, I just heard her laugh. Your parents were both, very special people and I was so very fortunate to have had all of you in my life. Gene is the last of the "group" and I'm sure they are all having a grand time. My love to you and the family.



Kathy & Jeff Brown - August 07, 2014 at 12:54 PM

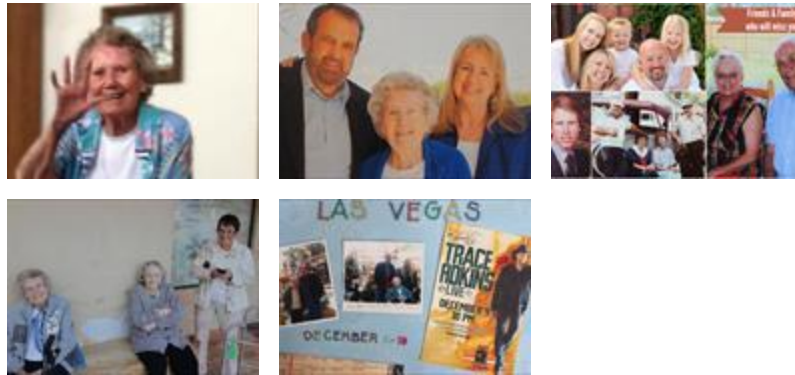
TF

Thanks Kath. I would love to have copies of those pictures of Mom and you/your Mom/Sisters whenever you get back to Manhattan. FYI - Greg lost his Mom, Gloria, just a couple of months ago too. Tamara made it back in time to say good-bye - she was in a hospice program. I don't remember if you ever met Greg's Mom or not.

Toni Fleisher - August 08, 2014 at 01:39 PM

TF

“ 34 files added to the album *GENE - A LIFE WELL LIVED*



Toni Fleisher - August 06, 2014 at 10:59 AM

RW

“ Toni,

Meeting you and your family enabled me to know what kind of Mom she truly was. You have a beautiful, honest, sincere and kind spirit -- something I'm sure she passed on to you. God will be personally taking care of her from now on, so rest your heart and mind with the knowledge that you did all you could for her while she was here.

I count it a high honor to have been a part of her service and my prayers for you and your family will be on-going.

*In peace,
Devon Woodyard
RevDev*

Rev. Devon Woodyard - August 02, 2014 at 12:44 PM

TF

Devon. Thank you so much for the nice comments and the wonderful job you did at the service. So glad Tom recommended you. Could you please send me your mailing address. I couldn't find your card last night - know I have it somewhere... Toni

Toni Fleisher - August 06, 2014 at 10:28 AM

ST

“ *Toni I was so sad to hear about your mom. An era has ended. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all your family. Its miserable now but it will get better with time.*

Love

John & Stephanie (Stout) Thomason

Stephanie Thomason - July 31, 2014 at 09:57 AM

TF

Hello Stephanie. Thank you so much for finding this site and contacting me. Your Mom and mine had so many memories together. I hope they find each other. Please tell Kathy to contact me - I'll drop her a note too. Hope you and your family are well - still in the country?

Toni Fleisher - August 06, 2014 at 10:30 AM

RJ

“ Toni,
*I remember your sweet mother like it was yesterday. I am deeply sorry for your loss.
I have been through it also, as I lost my mother on 5/18/2010.
I remember coming to your house for slumber parties and having so much fun. One of the things I remember the most about your Mom is her sweet southern accent.
Thank you so much for having this printed in the Manhattan Mercury. I had lost track of you. Were not sure where you were, but now I know. When you get time you might email me at Rodellaj@cox.net.*

*Your friend,
Rodella Alford (Jaecke now)*

Rodella Jaecke - July 31, 2014 at 09:54 AM

TF

Wow. You are definitely a voice from the past. Thank you Rodella for your nice thoughts. I will keep your email address and send you a note later. I don't do Facebook and haven't kept up with the reunions in Manhattan. My X-husband lost his Mom there in Manhattan this year as well - Gloria Salberg. So I don't have any living relatives in Kansas anymore. Knew my Mom would have wanted all her friends there to remember her though. Take care...

Toni Fleisher - August 06, 2014 at 10:33 AM

LK

“ Toni, *I'm sad to learn of the loss of your mother. It sounds like she lived a remarkable life, and was a loving mother who taught you to live with the positive energy I've always admired in you. I wish you and your husband, daughter and grandchildren peace with many warm memories.*
Lezlie Ann (Schubert) Kinney

Lezlie Ann Kinney - July 30, 2014 at 08:55 PM

TF

Thank you so much Lezlie Ann. It's very hard, as you know. So glad we reconnected while I was at the Balloon Museum! Email me sometime - tonifleish@aol.com

Toni Fleisher - August 06, 2014 at 10:35 AM

TJ

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

Tom Jordan - July 29, 2014 at 04:05 PM

TF

Tom. It was so nice to have you help my daughter and I with the arrangements for my Mom. Thank you for your support and helping with the graveside services. We were all very pleased with the services provided by French Funerals. Toni

Toni Fleisher - August 06, 2014 at 11:24 PM