



Kahylene Graham Vanzant

May 14, 1927 - October 29, 2016

Kahylene Graham Vanzant, age 89, peacefully went home to the Lord on October 29, 2016 while surrounded by family. She was born on May 14, 1927 to Harvey Phillips Graham and Mabel Moody on their family farm in Lowell, AR. The third of five children, Kahylene spent her childhood alongside her siblings playing and working on the farm while attending Accident Community's one-room schoolhouse.

When she was 15, Kahylene caught the eye of Fred Vanzant, 17, while her parents were singing at a small church in Sonora — this chance moment marked the beginning of their 74-year love story.

Once Kahylene graduated from both Rogers High School and H. O. Davis Business school, and Fred returned from his WWII tour in the Navy, the two were married June 27, 1948. Together they established Vanzant Fruit Farms and over the next 68 years Kahylene and Fred grew and harvested peaches, apples, grapes and vegetables for distribution across the four-state area. They also built a bustling produce market of their own that continues to thrive and welcome customers.

The couple had six children together and Kahylene was a warm, loving mother who instilled the importance of faith, family, nature, music, and beauty in their upbringing. She was an artist in all she did and her creativity shone in

the handmade clothes she stitched the intricate lattice pies she baked, and her sprawling flower garden. Kahylene knew every bulb planted and welcomed songbirds, bees and butterflies' year after year. She led a happy life and her final words expressed deep gratitude and love towards her family.

She is survived by her husband, Fred A. Vanzant of Lowell and five children, Regena Shelby (Ron) of Rogers, AR., Teresa Houston (Noyl) of Jonesboro, Ark., Katharine Arno (David) of Charlotte, NC., Stephen Vanzant (Cheryl) of Lowell, AR., and Angela Courtney (John) of Las Vegas, NV., and 12 grandchildren, Abby, Matthew, Katherine, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Stephanie, Emily, David, Caroline, Daniel, Lillian, and Jack. She is also survived by nine great grandchildren, Lainey, Elise, Andrew, Graham, Sawyer, Robert, Hutch, Sam, and Daniel.

Her parents, Harvey Phillips Graham and Mabel Moody, preceded her in death as well as her brother, John Wendell Graham, sisters Rosalie Patton Cromwell, Mary Belle Graham, and Maureen Graue. Kahylene's beloved son, Robert Elliott Vanzant, and grandchild, Erin Kahylene Shelby Propst, preceded her in death this past year. Kahylene was member of Lowell Baptist Church and DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution).

Visitation will be Friday, November 4, 2016, at Sisco Funeral Home from 6:00 to 8:00pm and the funeral service will be held Saturday morning, November 5, 2016 at 10 a.m. at Lowell Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Bluff cemetery in Springdale, Ark.

You may sign the online guestbook at www.siscofuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Bluff Cemetery

795 N. Shiloh Street
Springdale, AR 72764

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sisco Funeral Chapel
705 West Meadow
Springdale, AR 72764
(479) 751-4577
siscofuneralchapel@gmail.com
<https://www.siscofuneral.com>

Funeral Service

NOV 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Lowell
409 Johnson Ave.
Lowell, AR 72745

Tribute Wall

DE

“ *Dennis lit a candle in memory of Kahylene Graham Vanzant*



Dennis - December 19, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Kahylene Graham Vanzant*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM

AC

“ *Kahylene was one of the sweetest, kindest, genuinely wonderful people I have ever had the privilege to know!! All of my love to all of her family, friends, and loved ones. Today and every day! Love always, Annie Carter*

Annie carter - November 05, 2016 at 11:47 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Kahylene Graham Vanzant.*



November 04, 2016 at 05:04 PM

KY

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all! She will be missed.

The Yarbroughs--Barbara, Renee & Family

Kelly Yarbrough - November 04, 2016 at 03:29 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kahylene Graham Vanzant.



November 04, 2016 at 02:12 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Kahylene Graham Vanzant.



November 04, 2016 at 12:23 PM

CF

“ Carolyn, Jennifer & Mayo Family purchased the Gift of Grace Bouquet for the family of Kahylene Graham Vanzant.



Carolyn, Jennifer & Mayo Family - November 04, 2016 at 12:10 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kahylene Graham Vanzant.



November 04, 2016 at 09:06 AM



“ Cheryl and Roger Lawson purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Kahylene Graham Vanzant.



Cheryl and Roger Lawson - November 04, 2016 at 08:25 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I have such good memories of Kahylene and always enjoyed visiting with her when I lived in Rogers. You are in my prayers. Violet Nations

Violet Nations - November 03, 2016 at 12:11 PM



“ You and your family have been a wonderful part of my family over the last 20 years. My mom Naomi, buys fruits/veggies from Fred every summer and they have quite the friendship. She and Fred have shared many stories and concerns over the years. I know the past few years have been really tough for all of you. Please know that you are all in our prayers. With love, Jerry, Naomi, Sherry, and Taylor Rusk.

Sherry Rusk - November 03, 2016 at 11:00 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kahylene Graham Vanzant.*



November 03, 2016 at 10:39 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kahylene Graham Vanzant.*



November 03, 2016 at 10:25 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.*

Tom Reed

Tom Reed - November 02, 2016 at 10:32 AM



“ *We have the most wonderful memories of Aunt Kahylene on the farm in Arkansas with all of our cousins. We would go to visit and Aunt Kaylene would be making pies or cobblers or some other amazing food with love and care. She was always warm and loving and very calm. We are so blessed to be a part of this family and send all our love and blessings! -Patsy Patton Sasek, San Antonio*

Patsy Patton Sasek - November 02, 2016 at 10:14 AM

AN

So sweet, Patsy. What a lovely memory.

Angela - November 02, 2016 at 12:11 PM

TB

“ *What a precious wonderful lady. I so much enjoyed my visits with her. She is one of the sweetest people I have had the privilege of having as a patient. What a wonderful family you have and hugs, prayers and love sent to all of you . I so enjoyed seeing her. She brightened my day and I will miss her and think of her often . Until we meet again my friend.*



Teresa Bowden - November 01, 2016 at 11:02 PM

KR

“ I had the great pleasure and honor of being the caregiver for Mrs. Kahylene for 51/2 years. We agreed that the Lord had put us together for "such a time as this"....we needed each other. The Vanzant family shared so much love with me and accepted me like part of their family. I will never forget the first time Kahylene "disappeared" ! I left her sitting at the island in the kitchen, walked into the next room to put clothes in the dryer, in about 1 minute I walked back into the kitchen and she was gone!!! Being very hard of hearing I fruitlessly called her name as I frantically looked all over the house. No Kahylene!!! Did the Rapture take place and I missed it?? Giving up on the inside of the house I went flying out the back door, all around the house, then finally her precious dogs, Molly and Sadie, showed me where she was!!!! In the garage. From that day forward I knew two things: 1 she was quick and quiet as a cat and 2 always ask the dogs where "mama" went and they would never let me down.....however, one day too little too late. Out the back door she went. Picked up a chair we had just purchased and was going to put it to place in the back yard, tripped over her sweet Molly and broke her wrist!!! Of course she did not tell any of us how that happened till two years later.....Those were precious moments. I loved her and will miss her....TILL WE MEET AGAIN.

Karen Rogillio - November 01, 2016 at 08:45 PM

AN

Thank you for all the care and love you gave to my precious Mom ❤️

Angela - November 01, 2016 at 09:01 PM

AN

“ The Love that radiated from your being gave me a warming peace my entire life. I will miss that greatly. Unconditional Love...That's hard to find on this Earth. Thank you for giving me a glimpse of Heaven. Until we meet again, my beautiful Mother.

Angela - November 01, 2016 at 08:23 PM

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“ *Angela lit a candle in memory of Kahylene Graham Vanzant*



angela - November 01, 2016 at 06:26 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kahylene Graham Vanzant.*



November 01, 2016 at 06:06 PM

DK

“ *So sorry to hear. Aunt Kahylene was special. Fred, may God comfort you and flood you with pleasant memories. A little thing -- how she enjoyed her collection of giraffes .Love, Dennis Kilgo, Indiana.*

Dennis Kilgo - November 01, 2016 at 05:03 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kahylene Graham Vanzant.*



November 01, 2016 at 04:43 PM

SD

“ *Kahylene was our friend and neighbor for many years. Leah and I have known Fred, Kahylene, and family all of our lives. We are sorry we will not be able to attend the funeral as we will be out of town. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the family.*
Sonja and Leah (Kendrick)

Sonja Daniel - November 01, 2016 at 10:58 AM