

Frances C. Lawson

February 21, 1923 - August 29, 2014

Frances C. Lawson, a former Willcox resident died August 29, 2014 in Mesa at the age of 91. She was born in Wolfe City, Texas on February 21, 1923 to Charlie Verie Cobb and Willie Ila Melton Cobb. Frances was a member of the Willcox United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women and the FCE Homemakers Club. Survivors include her daughter Sue (Ed) O'Connell of Mesa, Arizona and sons Dean (Jo) Lawson of Lexa, Arkansas and Ted (Bonnie) Lawson of Scott, Arkansas along with 7 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Preceding her in death was her husband Warren Lawson and a brother Ray Cobb. Memorial Services will be 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, September 6, 2014 at the Willcox United Methodist Church. Graveside Services will be 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at the Marked Tree Cemetery in Marked Tree, Arkansas. Contributions may be made in her name to either the Wesleyan Preschool, 151 S. Curtis, Willcox, Arizona 85643 or the Charles Wm Leighton Jr. Hospice, P.O. Box 115, Willcox, Arizona 85644 or donate on line at www.charleswmleightonjr Hospice.com You may express condolences at www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com Services entrusted to Westlawn Chapel, Mortuary and Crematory of Willcox, Arizona.

Previous Events

Memorial

SEP 6. 11:00 AM (MT)

Willcox United Methodist Church
124 S. Curtis
Willcox, AZ 85643

Tribute Wall



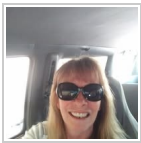
“ *Frances C. Lawson*

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM



“ *Chayo and Lucy,
We miss her and we wish to see her soon in paradise,
(Revelation21;4) sympathy to her family and much love.*

Maria Ramirez - September 07, 2014 at 06:06 PM



“ *What to say about this spunky lady?! I had the pleasure of knowing Frances for to short of a time. She always had a smile on her face and a witty remark to go with it. I will miss our Wednesday baking time. She will be greatly missed by all at Emeritus @ Mesa. May the heavens be enjoying your spunk and wit!!!!*

*Cori Slawson, LED
Emeritus @ Mesa*

Corinna Waldow-Slawson - September 05, 2014 at 08:49 AM

BL

“ Here's a few comments about Frances from my story on the Facebook page.

Frances later managed the Travelair Restaurant and Motel in Marked Tree for decades.

One of my fondest memories is visiting her Dad's country grocery store in Manilla and her Dad smoking a pipe.

She was a wonderful cook and her antique collecting rubbed off on me. Some of my fondest memories are just visiting with her as an adult reliving those childhood memories and hearing her stories about them.

I bet the doors came off the Lawson homes in Heaven this morning to be used as tables for the grand welcome home party for Frances. That's how we used to do it but this is the homecoming a young Cardinal fan named Warren has been looking forward to the last 22 years. Rest in Peace Frances, you've earned it.

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You, Rosa Rodriguez, Mark O'Connell, Norma Ford Pendergrass and 45 others like this.

Joetta Milhoan Duke So sorry for your loss Bill.

August 29 at 12:08pm · Like

Alice N. Meissner · 11 mutual friends

What a nice tribute to Frances. She was a good friend of mothers. She mother and Louise Huddleston visited at the motel over a cup of coffee. My sympathy to the entire Lawson family.

August 29 at 12:14pm · Unlike · 1

Cheri Lawson Wallace Yea Bill thanks for the wonderful words you said about my mamaw!! She has waited 22 years to go be with papaw!!!

August 29 at 12:32pm · Unlike · 1

Debbie Smith She was such a special lady ! Loved her . I quilted lots of quilts for

Her ! She would drive to Ar with loads of quilts and then have to roll them up as small as she could to get them back to Az . Precious
August 29 at 1:01pm · Unlike · 1

Jane Braddock Hunt Frances was always so sweet to me. I was mainly around her out at the TravelAir. I would visit Mary Lou a lot when she lived there.

August 29 at 1:38pm · Unlike · 1

Judy Henderson Sweet lady.

August 29 at 1:54pm · Unlike · 1

Trey Stafford Bill. I love to read the stories you write. Your gift. Dad will be sad to hear this. They had exchanged letters over the past few years. Dad and Warren were real close the last few years of his life. They worked together building things after dad's lumber company in Tyronza closed. And you're right about the reunion. There will be another one some day.

August 29 at 2:07pm · Unlike · 2

Johnny Johnson A kind, sweet lady, so sorry for your loss.

August 29 at 2:08pm · Unlike · 1

Kim Sanders Nolen Dad would also go over and do woodwork with Mr. Lawson. Have rolling pin that dad and him made on the lathe. Mom and Mrs. Lawson talked antiques. Sorry to hear the news

August 29 at 2:14pm · Unlike · 1

Becky Lawson Holt Thank you Bill!

August 29 at 3:06pm · Unlike · 1

Judy Mace great story Bill. they were very fine people and husband and I always looked forward to going to their home to EAT and visit. As hard as I tried I could never make her cabbage rolls or stuffed peppers!! Prayers for all !!

August 29 at 3:48pm · Unlike · 2

*Johnny Mitchum Well said Bill. Sorry for your loss.
August 29 at 4:27pm · Unlike · 1*

*Janis 'Rasche' McDermott So sorry for you loss. It is always hard to miss a family member or a ciose friend.
August 29 at 5:00pm · Unlike · 1*

*Deana Lawson Thank you Bill. Your kind words about my Mamaw and Papaw mean alot! You know Papaw was waiting at the gates with Jesus when she arrived!
August 29 at 6:41pm · Like*

*Sandra Farmer Fletcher Thoughts and prayers for the family!!
August 29 at 6:54pm · Like*

*Dyanne Tucker Scott SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF ANOTHER FAMILY MEMBER...IT IS SUCH A LONELY FEELING TO KNOW WE ARE BECOMING THE OLDEST GENERATION....AND AT WARP SPEED...I PRAY GOD GIVES US THE WISDOM TO PASS ON THEIR LEGACIES!!!
August 29 at 7:33pm · Like*

*Jerita Watson Tilley Prayers.... Sweet lady.....
August 29 at 7:36pm · Like*

Marilyn Blain I worked with Francis at the Travelair. Francis took me under her wing and taught me what I needed to know. I worked with several ladies at the Travelair that are no longer with us!, Edith Ford, Beulah Brad

Bill Lawson - September 05, 2014 at 01:52 AM

“ Sue asked that I post my writings on Facebook about Frances and I will but first I want to add some personal memories about this great woman.

One of my favorite memories growing up down on the Northern was the comradery among those of us who lived down that last loop next to the St. Francis Floodways. Even more so among the three Lawson families. As a kid I thought Warren was My Dad, Jess and my uncle Turman's brother. We were always at each other's home. She may not have tanned by backside as much as she threatened but she sure did that.

Some of my favorite early memories are Francis walking that 125 yards from her house to ours, always walking in with a big smile of her face and calling all us kids by their first name. Whether she was borrowing sugar or helping my Mother Omega to bake a cake it was always fun.

The funniest story was when she was attempting to teach my 36-year-old mother to drive our 1953 Chevrolet pickup - the exact one you see at Old Navy Stores today. It was a four-speed with a clutch and the stick in the floor. Mother had the steering down but the use of the clutch to change gears she had a problem with. One day while changing gears she lost control of the truck and ended up in the ditch. After that day my mother never drove again. That turned out good for me because I got to drive her when I was old enough. I even remember when my parents were trying to wean me from the bottle. I tried to hide it from Frances on one visit but she saw it and gave me a hard time about.

I remember how much much the entire community had in the early 1950s coming to Warren and Frances home on a Friday night to watch a boxing match on the only TV for miles around. The oval shaped TV Tube looked more like a ship's porthole because it was so small.

Lots of great picnics as a kid and two things always stood out about them. First, my Dad took the doors off inside doors to use as portable tables when set up on 50-gallon barrels.

We also always had watermelons and we kids had to sweep the

back yards for company. With chickens, there was little grass if any and plenty of dropings we swept up with a broom.

When they moved to town I spent many nights there and as a kid I didn't appreciate Frances cooking but as an adult I learned to love everything she did, especially her specialities.v

Warren and I were both ravid Cardinal fans and that's what we talked about more than anything. With Frances it was always about family and I ;learned so much about my grandparents and others from her.

Y'all were so blessed to have her for 91 years, about 30 more than more other Lawsons lived.

I'll miss Frances and her smile, her words of encouragement and her cooking. I've sure when she hit Heaven there was a big dinner on the grounds waiting for her and her reunion with Waren, her parents and all the relatives. I look forward to joining them all someday in the distant future.

Bless your memory Frances. Rest In Peace. You've earned it.

Saddened by the passing this morning of Francis Cobb Lawson, mother of my cousins Teddy, Dean and Sue. Ted said she died peacefully around 5 a.m. this morning in Wilcox, AZ where she'd lived the last 20 years around Sue.

Dual services will be held there and in Marked Tree where she will be buried next to her husband Warren.

Warren and my Dad. Jess were first cousins but our families were closer,much like they were brothers.

Frances was as close to me as any aunt and much closer than most of them. They lived next door to us down on the Northern with three Lawson families in a row.

Our school bus driver, Charles Stark would announce that gravel road as Lawson Lane when he started down it.

I remember Frances and Warren had the first TV set in the early 1950s with the very small round TV screen that looked more like a portal. Often their home was jammed with neighbors and friends who came over to watch a fight or baseball game.

They built the new Gulf service station and moved to town in the late 1950s.

Bill Lawson - September 05, 2014 at 01:50 AM

KC

“ *Frances had a way of making you feel like you were her own family. She was generous and loving and spunky and fun. I will miss the twinkle in her eye and the goodness of her soul. So glad I knew her. What a lady!*

Kathy Carter - September 03, 2014 at 11:21 PM

AB

“ *My Aunt Frances was my father's only sibling and was always very special to me. We loved going to visit with her when she lived in Marked Tree. I have always thought I took after in looks and love of cooking. I was always amazed by the beautiful quilts she created. When we lost everything in a house fire, she generously gave me quilts she and my grandmother had made. They are some of my most cherished heirlooms. She was so sweet and generous. My mother loved her so much. I love looking of the pictures we took during our last visit to Arizona. She had a wonderful smile and am sure she has made heaven a brighter place. Love you, Auntie.*

Anita Baxley - September 02, 2014 at 09:51 PM

AP

“ We lived across the street from Frances in Willcox. We loved her, and the kids loved her. We were often across the street visiting her, and she always sent the kids home with bags of candy, cookies, and other treats. She was always so thoughtful! We enjoyed talking about cooking and gardening with her. One time she came over to our house and saw we had a piano. She asked me to play a song. The song was "How Great Thou Art." She said it was her favorite, and she sang the words while I played. If she saw Dave had a hole in his pants (which was often), she would offer to mend it. She was always giving to others! We miss her very much!

Amy Parnell - September 02, 2014 at 08:49 PM

BL

“ I don't think any of us were ready to give up this sweet lady, Frances Lawson will be greatly missed. I could always pick up the phone to get help on any recipe I was making. There wasn't many things that she couldn't cook. We shared the love of good cook books. When she came to visit, we would get all my cook books out and decide what we wanted to cook while she was here. She loved to go to the deer camp with us. She would always visit with the ladies in camp while Ted and I were out hunting. We used to go to Branson every year on her visits. I think her favorite trip was when we took her to see George Jones. She was always making us beautiful quilts, table runners and pot holders. All the Grand kids have something special that she made just for them. She was a very special Mother-in-law that I loved and I will miss her very much.....Bonnie Lawson

binnie lawson - August 31, 2014 at 09:23 PM

DH

“ Ms Francis and Warren were some precious people, good friends and neighbors. The whole town missed her when she moved to Arizona. I'll never forget the awesome pot of soup she brought over when my dad passed away. It was so good we had to get her recipe and still use it today. Miss you Ms Francis....

David Hazel - August 31, 2014 at 07:49 PM

SW

“ I am sorry to hear about Francis . She. Was special. And one of the hardest worker I ever knew Love to the family. Selma woods



selma woods - August 31, 2014 at 05:27 PM

AO

“ Like all the grand kids I too am a big fan of her chocolate gravy. So many of my memories of Mam-ma revolve around the kitchen. My favorite cooking memory is making Carmel popcorn at Christmas. As a youngster I always looked forward to the Christmas box from Mam-ma and Pap-pa because I knew she would have included some carmel corn for me. I could always count on the carmel corn being nut free! The first year I was invited into her kitchen to help make the popcorn I was as giddy as a kid on Christmas morning! She pulled out this old worn out looking pot. In shock I asked "what is that?" Mam-ma then told me the story of her popcorn pot. When she and Pap-pa lived out on The Northern over 50 years ago, the men would get together on Saturday night and play dominoes. Mam-ma used that pot to make them popcorn. I of course was skeptical it would still produce a good pot of popcorn but to my amazement, not a single piece was burned. The day she passed the popcorn pot onto me, I felt like a queen receiving her crown. My name is Anne Frances and I'm proud to be Frances Lawson's namesake!!!!

Anne O'Connell - August 31, 2014 at 01:39 PM

MO

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Mark O'Connell - August 31, 2014 at 09:58 AM

TD

“ She was my "Marked Tree Mama". Jimmie and I lived across the street on Riverside Drive. She took pity on us! I was working in Memphis and driving an hour each way. I can't even begin to count the number of times I would walk in the back door and there would dinner on the stove - cooked by her loving hands.
One of the best things she ever did for us was to help Taryn with her first encounter with death. Jimmie ran over the kitten. When I got home I expected to find a weeping child. Instead she was sitting in the middle of Mrs. Lawson's bed making a funeral wreath.
Oh how we cried the day she left Marked Tree. I got up early and we sat on the steps outside her kitchen door.
Heaven has a new angel. Teresa Dunlap

Teresa Dunlap - August 31, 2014 at 08:40 AM

MO

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mark O'Connell - August 30, 2014 at 10:10 PM



Love the pictures Mark!!!

Becky Holt - August 30, 2014 at 10:29 PM



“ Like Cheri, some of my best memories of Mamaw were when we "cooked" on her front porch with the cornmeal and oats and playing in her Beetle Bug. She passed on her love of does to me also. I guess it's good thing I had all girls because that gave me the excuse to buy dolls even as an adult. She would buy some of the ugliest dolls at yard sales and bring them home, give them a bath, and sew them some new clothes and make them beautiful once again.

She was an awesome cook as well. She always made the best macaroni and cheese for us everytime we went to visit. We had to have chocolate gravy and chocolate syrup with homemade biscuits every morning too.. No telling how many times I called her to ask how to make chocolate gravy because I never wrote it down where I could find it again. She finally told me, Becky... It's just a chocolate pie recipe without adding the eggs!!

I always loved going to visit her and Papa in Marked Tree because we got to go to Jonesboro shopping. Lol

The last time I saw Mamaw was a few years ago, the last time she was in Arkansas. We all knew it would likely be the last time we saw each other here on earth. It was very emotional, but I'm glad we got that time together before she got in poor health.

I can't begin to remember the times she told me she was ready to die because she never wanted to live to be that old. So I know without a doubt she is happier now than she has been in years. I hate that she will not be here to see her great-great grand daughter that's due in November, but I know that we have another extra special angel watching over her and us.

We love you Mamaw and will miss you terribly!!

Becky Holt - August 30, 2014 at 10:10 PM

MO

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Mark O'Connell - August 30, 2014 at 10:04 PM

RF

“ So sorry to hear of your loss, Sue and family. Your mom was always so nice to me. I know she will be greatly missed. Your friend Ruthann Fewell.

Ruthann Fewell - August 30, 2014 at 09:44 PM

MO

“ On August 29, 2014, the world lost one of its brightest lights. My grandmother, Frances Lawson, went home to be with the Lord at 5:24 am. She was loved by everyone she knew, was a true servant to others, and she was my Mamaw. She survived the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl and a World War in which her husband served. She had an infectious smile and her eyes lit up whenever she saw a friend or loved one. She leaves behind memories of delicious meals, piles and piles of quilts that she hand-pieced and innumerable acts of loving kindness and service. I will miss her so much, but I take comfort that she is reunited with my Papaw, Warren Lawson, her parents and brother who went before her. She was an inspiration. She never hesitated to help others in need, was simultaneously tough and tender, and I loved her dearly.

*“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’—
Matthew 25:40*

*Jesus said to her [Martha], “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die...”—John
11:25*

Mark O'Connell - August 30, 2014 at 09:35 PM



“ To talk about the memories of my mamaw: there are so many from playing on her front porch on that yellow table cooking with oats and cornmeal. To getting play keys to her red beetle bug and pretend driving all over town. To stopping and getting a chocolate dip cone. Getting to help out down at the motel sampling all the good food. But the best was being the first one up in the house and going and sitting on the counter and watching her make squeeze biscuits and chocolate syrup and chocolate gravy!!! I am so glad that she taught me a few cooking ideas too!! Now she is right where she wants to be in heaven with papaw!! I love you mamaw!! #1 grandchild!!



Cheri Lawson Wallace - August 30, 2014 at 07:26 PM

DB

Hello Family of Francis, I send my prayer to yu and to the church there in Willcox. Francis is surely missed there. I send my prayers and blessings. Dicksie Blankenship

Dicksie Blankenship - September 11, 2014 at 09:09 AM