



Vera "Carlynnne" Kimbell

July 13, 1927 - May 9, 2026

Vera "Carlynnne" Kimbell went to join her heavenly family at the age of 98 on May 9, 2026, at Casa de Angeles in Pearce, Arizona. She was born on July 13, 1927, in Wichita County, Texas, to Earl C. Cheney and Ethel May (Warner) Cheney. Carlynnne was the fifth child of 10, so she spent much of her time helping her mother and caring for her younger siblings. Her family traveled often to California and Oklahoma for her father's work. She had fond memories of riding on the Plank Road in Imperial County.

After moving back to Texas, she met the love of her life, William "Bill" Kimbell. They married and had four children: Harold (Candy) Kimbell, Ellen Hedges, Jan Napier, and Margaret (Bob) Dirks. In 1958, Carlynnne and Bill moved to Willcox. Carlynnne was a devoted housewife and mother to her children, and "Aunt Carlynnne" to many of the children in the neighborhood and at the Church of the Nazarene, where she was a member for 67 years. She had a special love for babies and was recognized for 30 years of service in the nursery. When she became a grandmother, it was one of the highlights of her life.

Carlynnne loved to cook, garden, and can food, and she was very capable at raising livestock and fowl for food. She also worked on the side to earn extra money for her family. She spent several years helping Bill run Kimbell Well Service. After retiring, she spent many years caring for her mother-in-law. Carlynnne and Bill were blessed with 15 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren, and 24 great-great-grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Carlynnne was preceded in death by her husband; two grandsons; two sons-in-law; her parents; five brothers; and three sisters.

She is survived by her children; one brother; one daughter-in-law; one son-in-law; 78 grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

. Funeral services will be 2:00 pm on Saturday, May 23, 2026, at Westlawn Chapel with viewing starting at 1:00 pm. Burial will follow in Sunset Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Cemetery

N. Sunset Strip Road
Willcox, AZ 85643

Previous Events

Funeral

MAY **23**. 2:00 PM (MT)

Westlawn Chapel & Mortuary Inc.
105 S Arizona Avenue
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<https://www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com>

Tribute Wall

MK

“ *Mary Kincaid purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Vera "Carlynnne" Kimbell.*



Mary Kincaid - May 22 at 02:56 PM

DM

“ Our hearts go out to all the Kimbell family. Aunt Carlynne was like a second mom to so many of us. Since the early 1960s when our families lived across the street from each other on Flagstaff Avenue, Aunt Carlynne and Uncle Bill were always an important part of our lives. Playing outside on Flagstaff we always knew Aunt Carlynne was there for us, watching to make sure we were safe and ensuring we stayed out of too much mischief. Early memories also include her teaching and being a key part of our Sunday School and Vacation Bible Schools.

Over the years whenever we were able to visit Willcox it was always special seeing Aunt Carlynne. Meeting them for the first time Theresa at once understood why Carlynne and Bill were not just long-time friends but “Aunt and Uncle” to our family. We feel so fortunate to have shared precious time with them. We will forever miss Aunt Carlynne’s kindness, her smile, and her graciousness. And we know she and Uncle Bill are once again happily together in their heavenly home.

Dan & Theresa Myers



Dan Myers - May 22 at 11:17 AM

AO

“ Nearly 65 years ago my family began a life long friendship with the Kimbell family. Truly Carlynne was my mother's sister of choice and they stood together through thick and thin. Carlynne enriched my life in so many different ways I could not possible write them all down. I have been thinking of a picture I have of myself standing between my mother and aunt Carlynne on my wedding day, such a sweet moment in time. I know that she touched so many of you as well, so you know how wonderful she was.

Thankfully, God's grace will allow us to see her again. See you on the other side, looking forward to seeing that ever present smile again.

With all my love, I pray for this wonderful family that Aunt Carlynne and Uncle Bill so enjoyed. God Bless each and everyone of you.

Adonna (Rose) Ollison

Adonna Ollison - May 21 at 11:56 AM

DM

“ *Danny M. purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Vera "Carlynne" Kimbell.*



Danny M. - May 21 at 11:53 AM

TD

“ *The Dirks purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Vera "Carlynne" Kimbell.*



The Dirks - May 20 at 08:15 PM

LB

“ *What a special tribute to such a precious woman! Her legacy touched so many to admire and follow! My thoughts and prayers are with her family and all who knew her!*

LaDonna Burgess - May 19 at 06:13 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Vera "Carlynnne" Kimbell.*



May 19 at 03:45 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Vera "Carlynnne" Kimbell.*

May 19 at 03:45 PM

JB

“ *Johnny and Donna Brown lit a candle in memory of Vera "Carlynnne" Kimbell*



Johnny and Donna Brown - May 18 at 01:05 AM

TS

“ *Tim & Sara Schmidt purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Vera "Carlynnne" Kimbell.*



Tim & Sara Schmidt - May 13 at 08:00 PM

TS

“ *The Strouds, Woods, Burris's & Sweeney's purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Vera "Carlynnne" Kimbell.*



The Strouds, Woods, Burris's & Sweeney's - May 13 at 05:10 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Vera "Carlynnne" Kimbell.*



May 13 at 01:13 PM

JJ

“ *All of our deepest heart felt sympathies in your loss*

Jim and Kathy Cook

James B Cook II - May 13 at 08:15 AM

MV

“ *Michael Valenzuela lit a candle in memory of Vera "Carlynnne" Kimbell*



Michael Valenzuela - May 12 at 09:27 PM

BA

“ *Betsy & Cary Ajeman lit a candle in memory of Vera "Carlynnne" Kimbell*



Betsy & Cary Ajeman - May 12 at 07:29 PM

KL

“ *Kathy Leonard lit a candle in memory of Vera "Carlynnne" Kimbell*



Kathy Leonard - May 12 at 06:13 PM

BW

“ *Deepest condolences to all the Kimbell family. Rest in peace and prayers to all of you thru this difficult time*



Bill and Gloria Wood - May 12 at 06:12 PM

VD

“ *Vickey Dickerson lit a candle in memory of Carlynn Kimbell*



Vickey Dickerson - May 12 at 03:51 PM

CC

I am so sorry for your loss Jan. It is very hard to lose someone you love, especially your mom. I will pray that God gives you comfort and peace until someday when you can see her again.
Carrie Carter

CARRIE Carter - May 12 at 05:21 PM

JM

“ *Our sincere condolences to all the family.
Rest in peace Carlynn.
Rey & Jonnie Martinez*

Jonnie B Martinez - May 12 at 09:53 AM

SH

“ *Sharma lit a candle in memory of Carlynn Kimbell*



Sharma - May 12 at 12:27 AM

DB

Our condolences to her family. We are sorry for your loss. Debra Martin Boss and Elaine Martin.

Debra Boss - May 12 at 06:09 PM

SF

“ *Suzette Felix lit a candle in memory of Carlynne Kimbell*



Suzette Felix - May 12 at 12:06 AM

CD

“ *Carol Dunagan lit a candle in memory of Carlynne Kimbell*



Carol Dunagan - May 11 at 09:13 PM

CB

“ *Our Aunt Carlynne will be missed very much, but we know she is with the Lord and we will see her again. She was very important and influential in our lives and our children's lives. We have so many precious memories.*

Our love and prayers are with the family. May God give blessed peace and comfort.

Love, Cheryl and Marty Bowlby

Cheryl Bowlby - May 11 at 12:29 AM

MC

Carlynnne was my sister in-law and I loved her dearly. I met her when I was 16 yrs old when I married her brother Warner Cheney. He was in the Army and I'm from Houston Texas that's where we were married. I fell in love with her family when I merry them. She is and was the sweetest soft spoken woman I've ever met. You see I come from Italian Irish family and we are loud. Carlynnne took me right in full of love and the kids oh yes what can I say every time I've been around my family I don't want to leave any of them. They all get it from their precious mother Carlynnne; Harold;Margaret;Jane; and Ellen

Mary Ann Cheney - May 13 at 12:16 AM