



Wauneta King

February 26, 1927 - July 4, 2020

Wauneta Stoner King entered eternal life on the 4th of July 2020, her Independence Day. She was 93. Her daughter was with her when she peacefully went to Heaven.

Wauneta May Stoner was born to Holly and Elta Stoner on February 26, 1927, in Palmyra, Nebraska. She was a 1944 graduate of Palmyra High School. She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Betty June Stoner Bolz; her first husband, Dale Andersen, and their infant son; her second husband, B. F. "Shark" King and his grandson.

Mrs. King is survived by her daughter Judy Andersen Perry and husband Kenneth, and her grandson Robert Perry of Alpine. Her extended family include the children of B. F. King: his son, Jerry King and wife Kathy; his daughter, Sabra King Gent; his grandchildren Stephen King and wife Helen; Trevor King and wife Mary Beth; Melissa Solomon and husband Paul; Crystal Coopenhaver and husband Jim; plus many great grandchildren.

Wauneta lived most of her life in Texas. She worked as a telephone operator in Lincoln, Nebraska during World War II. She married Dale Andersen in 1946. They moved to the oil fields of West Texas in 1954 and lived near Midkiff and Rankin. They moved to Midland in 1965 and to Ogden, Iowa in 1969. She returned to Midland in 1971. She worked for Southwest Labs in Midland for several years. She married Shark King in 1975. They owned and managed an apartment complex in Midland, then retired to Llano in 1986. She had lived in Alpine since 1993, and most recently resided in Ashton Medical Lodge under

the care of Hospice of Midland.

Wauneta was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Alpine. She was a member of the Paisano Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Her 5th great grandfather Abraham Steiner emigrated from Switzerland about 1717. Her 3rd great grandfather, Christian Stoner (1758-1814), was a patriot of the American Revolution born in Pennsylvania. Her great grandfather, Henry Stoner (1823-1900), homesteaded in Nebraska. Her father, Holly Stoner (1893-1968), served in France during World War I.

The museum volunteer of the year award was presented to Mrs. King for twenty years of service to the Museum of the Big Bend in Alpine. Other volunteer activities over the years include the Alpine Family Crisis Center Thrift Store, Alpine Sunshine House Senior Center, Alpine Library Re-Reads Store, Big Bend Regional Medical Center, and the Alpine Valley Care Nursing Home.

As a musician and watercolor artist, Wauneta shared her talents widely. She played the piano from her youth, gave piano lessons, and played for Churches in Palmyra, Midkiff, Rankin and Llano. She often volunteered her time playing piano in Nursing Homes and Senior Centers in Llano and Alpine. She loved playing jazz and the big band music of the 1940s. She played clarinet in high school and in a dance band. For twenty years she played clarinet in the Alpine Community Band and their annual 4th of July Concert in the Park.

Wauneta took up watercolors in her middle years and her work was featured in exhibits when she was in her 80s. She sold some and gave many paintings to friends and family. She painted bookmarks which she donated through the local hospital and library and mission programs to China and South America. She crocheted numerous baby blankets for donation through the local hospital.

A memorial service for Wauneta King will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Alpine in the future when circumstances permit. Her ashes will be interred in Unadilla Cemetery, Unadilla, Nebraska where four generations of

her family are buried. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Alpine, Sunshine House of Alpine, Hospice of Midland, or the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall



“Wowzers, what a character to share chats, thoughts, and inspiration. And I just loved her paintings.

BeauJory GsAssista - July 11, 2020 at 12:07 PM



“Wauneta and I shared our love for music in several ways. We were neighbors at the Claridge when she first moved to Alpine. Her apartment was directly above mine, and we serenaded each other from time to time. In her last years, I went to her apartment at Hallmark to listen to her play her favorite big band music, from memory. She played hymns at the Valley Care Nursing Home for group singing and entertained at the Holland Hotel restaurant on Sundays. We exchanged cookies and candy at Christmas time. She loved chocolate! Now I find out that we share a middle name. I enjoy the watercolor from Llano that I bought at her art show in Marfa. I have several bookmarks of hers and use them to mark Bible passages. She participated in the Presbyterian Women's Bible Study and was never shy to voice her opinion. I will miss her presence in the back row at church, where she enjoyed the men of the choir standing behind her singing the choral benediction. Most of all I miss her sweet smile and loving ways.

Ellen Mae (May) Boyd

Ellen M Boyd - July 09, 2020 at 04:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wauneta King.*



July 08, 2020 at 05:18 PM



“ *Wauneta was a dear friend and we spent many happy hours together painting, and she and my mother enjoyed music together. Plus, we both loved that grandson of hers, Rob!*

Reba Cross Seals - July 08, 2020 at 07:54 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wauneta King.*



July 07, 2020 at 07:51 PM



“ *She was always smiling. I remember it was such a joy to have lunch with her at the hospital cafeteria when I would meet my aunt out there. The family was blessed to have her for so many years.*

Robbie Ann Burns - July 07, 2020 at 06:33 PM

KR

“ I remember her and my mother and 3 other ladies met at McDonald's for coffee for years, my mother had lost my father and these ladies gave her a place and time to be together. She will be missed , such s sweetheart to my mother. Prayers for your loss'

Kathy Reed - July 07, 2020 at 06:00 PM

NN

May your mom rest in eternal peace 🌹

Nivia Natera - July 07, 2020 at 10:59 PM

MS

I loved your Mom's enthusiasm and big smile. I loved her stories about going to the Jazz Festivals and her and Shark's adventures. I will treasure my painting and my bookmark. What a grand life she had. May she Rest In Peace.

Mary Clare Spear - July 07, 2020 at 11:35 PM

JC

Judy, I am so sorry to learn of your mothers passing, she and I do a workshop together many years ago, she loved her art and music

June Cobb - July 10, 2020 at 06:01 PM

JS

“ You mother was always friendly and kind. I remember her playing piano in the Holland Hotel lobby, and I also admired a miniature painting she gave to my aunt, Florence Halpern. I am sending thoughts of peace and comfort to Judy and her family.



Juliette Schwab - July 07, 2020 at 05:27 PM

CS

I thought Wauneta was a great teller of jokes. When my parents lived on Dewberry, she told this witticism close to Christmas: "The wisemen came from a-Fahr!" This has stuck in my mind for years now. She was a very talented, lovely person, and I know you will miss her. May she Rest In Peace.

Candace Samuelson - July 07, 2020 at 06:10 PM