



Audrey Stover

August 3, 1932 - February 28, 2013

Audrey May Stover passed away at Memorial Medical Center in Las Cruces, NM, on February 28th, at the age of 80. She was surrounded by her loving family. Audrey was born August 3, 1932, in Elizabeth City, NC to Charles Felton White and Marjorie Lucille Cox White (Hewitt), and was one of four children. Audrey married Eugene "Smokey" Stover on Nov. 24, 1949, in Elizabeth City, NC. They met while Smokey was serving in the United States Marine Corps and stationed on the east coast. During Smokey's military career the Stover family moved several times from California, to Texas, back to California, to Hawaii, to Kansas and finally Missouri. During this time, two children were born to Smokey and Audrey, Glenn and Cheryll. Smokey retired from the USMC in 1973, after serving 28 years as a Sergeant Major. Audrey also took great pride in being the wife of a Marine. After his retirement from the service, Audrey and Smokey moved their family to Iowa.

In addition to being a mother, Audrey worked most of her life in retail. In 1982, Audrey suffered a massive stroke. After relearning to walk, talk, read and write, she taught herself to paint. Audrey enjoyed many hours in her craft room sewing and painting crafts for her home and for her loved ones. With their children living in the area, Audrey and Smokey were a significant part of their children and grandchildren's lives. They were always at dance recitals and sporting events and spent holidays surrounded by their families. Audrey and Cheryll shared a connection with a shared birthday. Glenn's wife, Marie,

also shared this special day, which led to great summer birthday celebrations.

In their retirement, Audrey and Smokey enjoyed many travels in their 5th Wheel, taking in the sights and visiting family and friends, before settling down in 1999 in Deming, NM.

Audrey is survived by a son, Glenn and his wife, Marie and their son, Smokey Joe, all of Greenville; daughter, Cheryl Nepl of Brooklyn Park, MN, (formerly of Spirit Lake, IA) and her daughter, Stacey Nepl of Plymouth, MN, and her son, Gregory Nepl and his wife, Amanda, of Mitchell, SD; sister, Marjorie Sawyer; brother, Joe White; and half-sister, Jean Glass. Audrey was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene "Smokey" Stover; father, Charles White; and mother, Marjorie Hewitt.

A private family memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2013, at the Schuchert Funeral Home. Visitation will be held on Friday, March 22, 2013, from 5:00P.M. until 7:00P.M. at the Schuchert Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

DM

“ Cheryll, so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. You are all in my prayers.

Don Maranell - March 14, 2013 at 08:05 PM

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“ Our condolences to the entire family of Audrey. It had been many years since I had seen either of them, and I knew Smokey better than Audrey. Sending our thoughts and prayers your way.

Bev and Vern Wittler - March 12, 2013 at 06:41 PM

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“ Stacey,

Somehow your name got deleted on the note, please know I am thinking of you also. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help.

Angela Geinitz - March 10, 2013 at 02:56 PM

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“ Cheryll, Greg & Amanda & Families,

I was so saddened to hear of your mom/grandma's passing. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you always.

Angela Geinitz - March 10, 2013 at 02:54 PM