



## Lowie Cunningham

March 24, 1913 - October 12, 2011

ADRIAN – Lowie Christine (Ryland) Cunningham, 98 years of age, passed away Wednesday, October 12, 2011, at home in Adrian surrounded by her family. Lowie was born on March 24, 1913, in Uvalde, Texas, the daughter of Mont Harvey Ryland and Mary Adaline Boyd Ryland. On July 31, 1944, Lowie and Kenneth H. Cunningham Sr. joined in marriage in Lordsburg, New Mexico. He preceded her in death.

Lowie graduated from Uvalde High School in May of 1931. She received her Bachelor of Science in Home Economics from University of Texas in 1940. She did graduate work at Michigan State University and Siena Heights University.

Lowie taught Home Economics at Onsted High School for 14 years retiring in 1977. She worked in the family business, Cunningham Bookkeeping Service, as a bookkeeper and typist for many years after her teaching career. She was a faithful member of the First United Methodist Church.

She devoted herself to her family and in-laws. She loved to garden, loved to sew and quilt. Lowie enjoyed reading and travel.

She is survived by her brother, Wilson D. Ryland, her sister-in-law, Mary Catherine Cunningham, and her children, Kenneth H. (Kaye L.) Cunningham

Jr., Nancy C. (Chester S.) Gardner, Monte W. (Synn?ve) Cunningham, and Mary Annette Cunningham-Calamungi; her grandchildren, Nathan F. Gardner, Jeremy C. Gardner, Nicole R. Howard, Michael A. Calamungi, Joshua V. Calamungi, Silvia C. Cunningham, Monica H. Cunningham, William A. Cunningham, Lydia Y. Cunningham, Sunniva M. Cunningham, and Anne Victoria Cunningham, eleven great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral service for Lowie will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 17, 2011, at the First United Methodist Church in Adrian with Rev. Christopher Brundage officiating. Burial will follow at Lenawee Hills Memorial Park in Adrian. Visitation will be at Wagley Funeral Home on Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m. You may also send condolences or sign the register book at [www.WagleyFuneralHome.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com).

The family is grateful to Hospice of Lenawee and Comfort Keepers of Toledo. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Hospice of Lenawee.

# Previous Events

## Service

OCT 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church  
1245 West Maple Avenue  
Adrian, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lowie Cunningham*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Dear Cunningham Family,  
I was saddened to hear of your Mother's death. She was a wonderful woman and a dear neighbor, so generous of her time and her considerable talents. I remember how busy she was with all the "kids", yet had time to welcome and visit with all the neighborhood kids and make each feel very special.  
My sympathies to you all.##imported-begin##Cathy Hoben##imported-end##*

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October 19, 2011 at 11:56 AM



“ Dear Ken, Nancy, Monte, Annette,

*The years seem to fly by, but the memories of growing up across the street from The Cunningham's remain vivid, bright and are cherished not only by me, but by our family. What a woman your mother was. A true role model for girls growing up in Adrian on State Street, in Onsted, and to all the female lives that your Mother touched.*

*Your mother made us all feel welcomed and important as we would run across the street at all hours of the day and evening to play together. Though she worked long hours, she always had time to listen, suggest, referee, and I think take pleasure in our combined activities. We must have driven her patience to the last strand bouncing that basketball and playing "Horse" in your driveway when she was fixing dinner all those many years ago.*

*She was so very proud of all of you, you could see it in her eyes when in later years I stopped by to chat.*

*I know the sorrow of parents dying; for it is the end of an era. But both of your wonderful parents will live on in you and in your children and in their children's lives.*

*Mrs. Cunningham was a remarkable woman who made positive differences in so many lives.*

*My thoughts are with you all.*

*Chris Hoben###imported-begin##Chris##imported-end##*

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October 17, 2011 at 04:40 PM



“ Ken, Nancy, Monte, and Annette, God bless your mother and father. Time and distance does not diminish my memory of how you all were such great friends and neighbors. I have so many happy childhood moments over in your back yard. Climbing the cherry tree, climbing on the roof or your garage.. the tree fort... (We did a lot of climbing!) just to name a few Your mom was indeed special to all of us Hobens. She was always so kind and sharing and treating us as family. Needless to say, I'll always remember fondly your Mom and Dad. Their easy and friendly nature, and I'll always remember what great friends you all were to our family.

My deepest condolences. God bless your family!##imported-begin##Richard Hoben Jr. ##imported-end##

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October 16, 2011 at 05:30 PM



“ Dear Ken, Nancy, Monte, and Annette, I most certainly have to echo my sister Mimi's sentiment about your wonderful Mother. Both your Mom and your Dad treated us like family and more often then not feed us late at night. I will always remember your Mom's laugh (a mixture of delight and exasperation when we all gathered in your backyard to listen to your Dad tell ghost stories).

Your home was my second home and I'll never forget your family's generosity. I think of you often and feel a huge tug at my heart at the loss of your Mom.##imported-begin##Elise Hoben##imported-end##

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October 16, 2011 at 03:08 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. What a lovely woman she was.##imported-begin##Andrea Hughes##imported-end##

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October 16, 2011 at 10:12 AM



“ It was a honor to know and care for Lowie over the past 4 years. Her smile and quiet wisdom will be remembered.

*The love, dedication and unselfish sacrifices made by Mary, Nancy and family to Lowie's care, comfort, and dignity was remarkable.*

*Peace be with you.##imported-begin##Carole Smith##imported-end##*

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October 16, 2011 at 09:19 AM



“ Dear Ken, Nancy, Monte, and Annette, I was so sorry to hear about your mother's passing. Please accept my condolences.

*She was wonderful to us 6 Hobens. Letting us spend hours at your house playing and always finding one more place at the table for dinner. She was a part of my growing up and I thank her for giving me great memories.##imported-begin##Mimi Hoben##imported-end##*

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October 16, 2011 at 07:17 AM



“ We so enjoyed her visits to Uvalde. Our prayers and thoughts go out to the family.##imported-begin##Grace & Yale Kerby##imported-end##

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October 16, 2011 at 12:23 AM



“ *A limb has fallen from the family tree.  
I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me.  
Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.  
The good life I lived while I was strong.  
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.  
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.  
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.  
Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.  
Continue traditions, no matter how small.  
Go on with your life, don't worry about falls  
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.  
Until the day comes we're together again*

*—Author unknown*

*Mary, Nancy, Ken, Monte & families, Please accept my deepest sympathies. It was my pleasure caring for your mom. Judy Mielke  
Comfort Keepers of Suburban Toledo###imported-begin##Judy Mielke###imported-end##*

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October 15, 2011 at 09:22 PM



“ With deepest sympathy we write this note to the Cunningham family.

*I have so many wonderful memories as a child visiting the Cunningham's in Adrian, and all the great meals Aunt Lowie prepared. My wife Christine and I will always cherish our latest visit to Adrian on Aunt Lowie's 90th birthday and the smile on her face when she saw us.*

*Christine and I live in Arizona now and unfortunately can't be with you in this time of grieving. Our thoughts and prayers are with you always.*

*The Cunningham/Forrester bond will live on even though we have lost our leaders, with the exception of Aunt Catherine.*

*God bless Aunt Lowie and once again she is back in the arms of her beloved husband Uncle Ken.*

*Love you all and God Bless you,*

*Stephen and Christine Forrester##imported-begin##Stephen and Christine Forrester##imported-end##*

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October 15, 2011 at 01:46 PM



“ The members of Lenawee County Retired School Personnel express their sympathy to the family of Lowie Christine Cunningham upon the death of their mother and Grandmother. Through out her teaching career she has influenced many students in the field of Family Living and home life.

*Our love and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Jane Waldo##imported-end##*

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October 14, 2011 at 09:45 PM



“ My Mother (Sue Ryland Mc Fatter) sent an email informing us of Aunt Lowie's passing.

*There's a Better Place*

*There's a place  
I've never seen  
beyond this world we know,  
A place I've only heard of  
but someday hope to go -  
It's not on any map,  
there are no roads  
to take me there,  
But it's a place of perfect peace  
where hearts are free from care.  
And though I understand  
some may be saddened  
when I leave,  
One day, we all will meet again -  
that's what I believe...  
When it's time to travel there,  
I think I'll wear a smile,  
I'll say good-bye to those I love,  
but only for a while,  
Knowing there are others  
who have traveled there alone,  
Who cannot wait to greet me  
and to whisper "welcome home."  
May you find peace  
in the thought  
that your loved one  
is in a better place.*

*The gift of God is eternal life  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Romans 6:23*

*With Deepest Sympathy,  
Elaine Beto & family##imported-begin##Elaine Mc Fatter  
Beto##imported-end##*

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October 14, 2011 at 09:39 PM



*“ fond memories in my heart for ever. love you all Jean##imported-  
begin##Jean Elizabeth Ryland-Legg##imported-end##*

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October 14, 2011 at 09:00 PM



*“ Condolences to all of you. A mother is a great loss. I know you  
enjoyed her fully while you had her. Rejoyce in those  
memories.##imported-begin##Rita Crow##imported-end##*

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October 14, 2011 at 02:46 PM



“ To say that aunt Lowie is loved, respected, and will be dearly missed by all is an understatement! I was fortunate in that growing up I got to spend more time with her than most. I have many fond memories of her that I will continue to cherish for the rest of my life. One of those was when she came over to our house in Uvalde for dinner one evening. Our mini schnauzer Dutchess suddenly became very sick. Aunt Lowie didn't leave mine or Dutchess side for 4 hours until we could get a hold of the vet and she knew everything was ok. Dutchess did pull through and lived another 16 years until 18! The time I got to visit her in Adrian was a blast! To this day I still tell people about her 20 lb cat fluffy (I believe it's name was) and the avocado tree she had growing in her living room. I have more but I will leave it there. I just want you guys to know how much she meant to me personally as I know you all feel the same way. My only regret is that I did not get a chance to spend even more time with her! God's peace and love be with you all love Ryan.##imported-begin##Ryan Ryland##imported-end##

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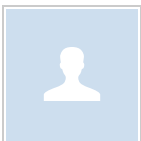
October 14, 2011 at 01:23 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God's peace be with you during this time of loss.##imported-begin##Doug & Linda Ryland##imported-end##

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October 14, 2011 at 01:01 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Lowie and her family at this time.##imported-begin##John & Judy Forrester##imported-end##

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October 14, 2011 at 12:14 PM



“ We regret the passing of Aunt Lowie and forward our deepest sympathy to the Cunningham family. We have lost our best Squirrel cook. We regret being so far away, that we can not attend the appropriate ceremonies. Our affection and love is with all of you.

*The Forrester Family, John, Judy, (son) David and (daughter) Teresa.*

*Lake Havasu City, Arizona 86404##imported-begin##John and Judy Forrester##imported-end##*

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October 14, 2011 at 12:14 PM



“ Wonderful childhood memories spent with the Cunningham family. Aunt Lowie was a peach. Our prays are with all of you.

*The Drown Family.##imported-begin##Teresa A Forrester Drown##imported-end##*

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October 14, 2011 at 11:51 AM



“ *Dear Family*

*Your Dad took your Mom out of Texas but he didn't take Texas out of her heart! (Her heart was and is as big as Texas)*

*The God of all creation has taken her on to be with Himself, your Dad, other family members and her many friends that have gone on before her.*

*I for one have no doubt that she received a warm and joyful welcome at Heavens Gate along with a shout of praise..WELL DONE THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT!!!!*

*" The Lord bless you, and keep you, The Lord make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you: The Lord lift up His countenance on you, And give you His peace and comfort"*

*Strength & Courage*

*Love & miss you all!*

*your cousin Jeff###imported-begin##Jeff W. Ryland ##imported-end##*

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October 14, 2011 at 11:25 AM



“ *Mom (Sue Ryland McFatter) sent the email this evening notifying us of Aunt Lowie's passing. We didn't get to see Uncle Ken and Aunt Lowie much when we were growing up, but it was nice when they came to Texas to visit. I have a picture of Aunt Lowie with my twins (Peyton and Paige) taken on one of her Texas visits to Pawpaw and Grandma's home in Uvalde. You all are in our hearts, thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Catherine McFatter Kelley##imported-end##*

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October 13, 2011 at 11:06 PM



“ Dear Kenney, Nancy, Monte, and Annette;  
My prayers are with you. I have thought of all of you often. I know Aunt Lowie lived a long, full life, but it is still difficult to lose her. I truly believe she is now with the loved ones that preceded her.  
Love, Lowie Frances##imported-begin##Lowie Frances Ryland Speer##imported-end##

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October 13, 2011 at 09:07 PM



“ I send condolences to Mrs. Cunningham's family. You never really get over losing a parent, just learn gradually how to live with it. Stay close to each other & share your memories. As time goes by, that's a big help. Keep an eye on each other--watch out for shock; it takes different forms in different people. Keep extra tissue to hand & cry when you need to. Nobody can tell you when you "should be over it". Respectfully, Mrs. Bob Ryland in Texas##imported-begin##Cynthia Tannehill Faulk Ryland##imported-end##

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October 13, 2011 at 07:39 PM



“ Dear Kenny, Nancy, Monte, and Annette, So sad to see your mom go. I didn't get to spend much time around her but when I did she was never anything but so very nice to me. Nancy I hope you got my Email I know you are going to be very busy for a while, so don't worry about answering just yet. Please accept my sincere condolences.

God Bless you all,

Cousin Bob##imported-begin##Robert C. Ryland##imported-end##

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October 13, 2011 at 07:04 PM