



## Ann Jean Wilks

April 18, 1939 - December 30, 2024

Ann Jean Wilks, 85, of Oktaha, Oklahoma, born on April 18, 1939, in Dubuque, Iowa, to Paul Sheffield and Helen Ludescher Sheffield, passed Monday, December 30, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. Ann graduated from high school and lived a life filled with love, faith, and family. In 1960, she and her family moved to Fort Gibson, Oklahoma, where she resided until 1988. Ann had a zest for life and a love for adventure. She enjoyed picking up seashells on Edisto Beach, gardening, horseback riding, cycling across Iowa in RAGBRAI, and playing cards, always with her own set of written rules. Her passion for her family and hobbies brought joy to those around her. Ann spent the last 36 years in Oktaha, cherishing the quiet simplicity of rural life and the community she loved.

Ann's greatest joy was her family. She is survived by her children, Alan Wilks and wife Sherry of Fort Gibson, Wendy Hatley and husband Mark of Fort Gibson, Bobbi Butler of Fort Gibson, and Gary Wilks and wife Tye of Oktaha; grandchildren, Ashlie Ryan and husband John, Justin Wilks and wife Heather, Nick Wilks and wife Robin, Andy Hatley, Alana Hatley and husband Josh English, Michael Butler and wife Savannah, Chelsea Heath and husband Dustin, and Alicia Moore and husband Steven; sisters, Elaine Henderson of Fort Gibson and Betty McCollum of Edmond; brother, Don Sheffield of Grand Junction, Colorado; and 20 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Susan Alexander; brother, Dick Sheffield; and son-in-law, Paul Butler.

A visitation with the family receiving friends will be 5PM-7PM, Thursday, January 2, 2025, at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson. The family of Ann Jean Wilks has entrusted her care, cremation and visitation to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555. Online condolences may be left for the Wilks family at [clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com](http://clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation with Family to Greet Friends

JAN 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home (Fort Gibson)  
1224 E Poplar St  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434  
(918) 478-2555

# Tribute Wall

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“ I had so much fun horseback riding, camping, and playing Shanghai rummy with Ann. I never laughed so hard as during those times! I have missed her greatly.

LORETTA SAGHI - January 27, 2025 at 04:52 PM

BD

“ I worked with Ann and she was a joy to be around. She was a hard worker and showed such love for her family and others.



Brenda Dortch - January 04, 2025 at 09:49 AM

KR

“ I worked with Ann at the Muskogee VA Regional Office. I loved our talks and her calm demeanor. She was such a pleasant person to work with. Prayers go out to her family.

Karen Rogers - December 31, 2024 at 10:48 AM

EB

“ Mickey and I both loved Ann! My sympathy to all her family. 🌸



Eunice Brown - December 30, 2024 at 09:13 PM