



## Barbara Jean Bowers

October 20, 1957 - May 11, 2026

Barbara Jean Bowers, Fort Gibson Resident, was born on October 20, 1957, in Whipperwill, Iowa to Leo and Minnie Pearl (Richardson) Bowers, and entered eternal rest on Monday, May 11, 2026, with her loved ones by her side.

Barbara received her education with the Class of 1975 and dedicated many years of her life to serving others through her work as a cashier and manager. She was employed with Family Dollar in Muskogee, where she was admired for her organizational skills and caring attitude. Barbara was known as an excellent business manager whose kindness and dependability left a lasting impression on coworkers and customers alike.

Outside of work, Barbara found joy in life's simple pleasures. She loved cooking meals for those she cared about, spending peaceful time fishing, and keeping busy around the home. Above all else, Barbara possessed a compassionate heart and a deep desire to help others. She had a special place in her heart for those who were homeless, disabled, or struggling in life, and she never hesitated to lend a helping hand to someone in need. Her generosity and caring nature touched many lives and will forever be remembered.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, Leo and Pearl Bowers; her grandparents; her brother; and her sister.

Those left to cherish her precious memory include her husband, Robert Welch of Fort Gibson; her sister, Lesia Brown of Gore; her special friend, Kevin Sander of Gore; along with extended family members and countless friends

whose lives were blessed by knowing her.

There will be a Celebration of Life Reception honoring Barbara from 1PM - 4PM, Thursday, June 25, 2026, at Fort Gibson Care & Rehabilitation Center.

The family of Barbara Jean Bowers has entrusted her care and cremation to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson. (918) 478-2555.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [clifforddgarrettfamily.com](http://clifforddgarrettfamily.com).

# Upcoming Events

## Celebration of Life Reception

JUN **25**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Fort Gibson Care & Rehabilitation Center  
205 East Poplar Street  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Tribute Wall

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“ Thank you to the family for allowing us to care for Barbara. My visits with her were very pleasant and from time to time she showed her sense of humor. God bless you and may the Lord always bring you comfort and peace. Chaplain Jeff (Good Shepherd Hospice)

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**Jeff Chalakani** - May 13 at 10:25 AM