



Betty Shirley Riley-Martin

November 7, 1935 - August 20, 2024

Betty (Ogle) Riley-Martin, 88, formerly of Fort Gibson, OK was born November 7, 1935, in Claremore, OK to Orville and Lydia (Stout) Ogle and entered eternal rest in Heaven on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, in Muskogee.

Ms. Betty attended Broken Arrow Schools and furthered her education at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, completing her bachelor's degree and master's degree in education/librarian. She served as Regional Library Director for the Oklahoma Department of Education for 20 years, retiring in 2008. Betty's life centered around her family and friends. Many games of dominos and canasta were played around her kitchen table. She was a faithful member of the Fort Gibson Church of Christ.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Orville and Lydia Ogle; her husband, Gene Riley; and her second husband, Jim Martin.

Those left to cherish her memories are her children, Mike Riley and wife Lisa of Oklahoma City, OK, Michelle Moore and husband Larry of Fort Gibson, OK, Bobby Martinhauk of Tahlequah, OK, Patty Parker and husband Tim of Tahlequah, OK, Tommy Martin and wife Jeana of Fort Gibson, OK, Cheryl Pyle and husband Vince of Texas, and Mike Beeson and wife Mindy of California; grandchildren, Matthew Riley and Emily Hoang of Los Angeles, CA, Meghan Perry and husband Jeff of Oklahoma City, OK, Joshua Moore and wife Sarah of Fort Gibson, OK, Sarah Thomas and husband Jon of Fort Gibson, OK, Brian and Kacy Martinhauk of California, Paige Parker of Tahlequah, OK, Jake Parker and wife Morgan of Fort Gibson, OK, Colin Martin and Emma Martin both of Fort Gibson, OK, Chris and Craig Hanna of Texas; great-grandchildren, Jane Perry, Riley Perry, Avery Moore, Hudson Moore, Riley Thomas, Ruthie Thomas, Ruby Thomas, Aleigha Mitchell, Bo Jack Parker and Sam Parker; extended family and many friends.

A visitation is scheduled for Sunday, August 25, 2024, at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson with the family receiving friends 2PM-4PM.

A celebration of Betty's life will be held 1PM Monday, August 26, 2024, at Fort Gibson Church of Christ with Terry Hackworth, Jerry David Walker, Dan Rouse and Kenny Lashley leading her going home service.

Committal prayers and interment will follow in the Fort Gibson National Cemetery with Joshua Moore, Matthew Riley, Jake Parker, Jon Thomas, Colin Martin and Jeff Perry

serving as casket bearers. Honorary casket bearers are Budo Perry, Jim Hill, Gerald Walkingstick and Lyle Tolbert.

The family of Betty Riley Martin has entrusted her care, service and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555.

Online condolences may be left for Betty's family at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Previous Events

Visitation with Family to Greet Friends

AUG **25**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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

Celebration of Life

AUG **26**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Fort Gibson Church of Christ
806 S Lee
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Committal

AUG **26**. 2:30 PM (CT)

Fort Gibson National Cemetery
1423 Cemetery Rd
Fort Gibson, OK 74434
(918) 478-2334

Tribute Wall

MA

“ Miss Betty...when I told my 14 yr old daughter she passed, she cried. Betty would always come over to her and make such a fuss over her. Then she went to visit Betty with the church group. I hv been a far from perfect person in my life but Betty was one of very few who never made me feel judged. She had such a pure heart, she was beautiful inside and out. There are some people in life that make you feel like they were only on loan from heaven for a short time so that we can get a small glimpse of our Father's love, Betty is one of them. We could all learn a few things from the life of Betty Shirley Riley-Martin. Thank you Betty, for touching my life. I love you and I'll never forget you.

Marcy J Arnett-Colley - August 26, 2024 at 10:34 PM

EB

“ Eunice Brown lit a candle in memory of Betty Riley-Martin



Eunice Brown - August 26, 2024 at 09:29 PM

EB

“ You had the best parents and I know you will miss her as much as you missed Gene. My prayers for you and family

Eunice Brown - August 26, 2024 at 09:28 PM

JK

“ Joe Karnes lit a candle in memory of Betty Riley-Martin



Joe Karnes - August 25, 2024 at 06:51 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Betty Shirley Riley-Martin.



August 25, 2024 at 12:45 PM

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“ *The McMahan family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Shirley Riley-Martin.*

The McMahan family - August 25, 2024 at 12:45 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Betty Shirley Riley-Martin.*



August 25, 2024 at 11:40 AM

LH

“ *Lynne Hunt lit a candle in memory of Betty Riley-Martin*



Lynne Hunt - August 24, 2024 at 03:10 PM

AM

“ *Betty was the sweetest lady and was so kind to everyone. She loved all the students she taught over the years and always upbeat and had something positive to share. Betty will be so missed but will be with loved ones in heaven. We love you Betty.*

Aileen Moore - August 23, 2024 at 04:19 PM

JW

“ *I first met Betty when my best friend Annabelle Rousselot began her residency at Country Gardens Assisted Living Center. It didnt require but a minute to realize that Betty was the brightest light in the room. Over the years we became good friends and I was so relieved that Annabelle's room was just next door. Not only did I enjoy my friendship with Betty, I relied on her quick mind and thoughtful ways, always keeping me informed of important issues related to my best friend when I could not be near. What an extraordinary woman was Betty Martin.*

Jk Wilson-Synar - August 22, 2024 at 01:18 PM

JW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jk Wilson-Synar - August 22, 2024 at 01:08 PM

JW

Betty (right) and Annabelle (left)

jk wilson-synar - August 22, 2024 at 03:32 PM

WL

Betty was a friend and a colleague. Working with her many years ago in library-media, I discovered how dedicated she was to bringing reading and research to children. I was delighted to resume our friendship in later years at family gatherings at the Parker's.

wilma Logue - August 25, 2024 at 12:38 PM