



Cleta Gene Gates

September 8, 1949 - January 13, 2026

Cleta Gene Gates, 76, of Fort Gibson, Oklahoma, passed away on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, in Fort Gibson.

Born on September 8, 1949, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Cleta was the daughter of Cletus Eugene and Ora Ilene (Smith) Klein. She spent her early years in Jenks and Tulsa and graduated from high school in Jenks. She continued her education at Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology. Cleta met and married the love of her life, Johnny R. Gates, on October 21, 1971, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. A marriage that lasted over 54 years.

Cleta dedicated over two decades of her professional life as an assistant to a Certified Public Accountant at Sartain Fischbein, where she worked for 21 years before retiring in 2013. Her commitment and diligence were evident throughout her career.

In recent years, Cleta made her home in Fort Gibson, where she lived for the past two years.

May her memory bring comfort to those who knew her.

Cleta is now reunited with her mother and father.

Those left to cherish Cleta's memory are her husband, Johnny, and many friends.

A celebration of Cleta's life will be 2PM, Monday, January 19, 2026, at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel in Fort Gibson with Brother Justin Kinman officiating.

The family of Cleta Gene Gates has entrusted her care, service, and burial to

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555. Online condolences may be left for the family at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Citizens Cemetery

Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel
1224 E Poplar
Fort Gibson, OK 74434