



## Doris Sue Isbell

January 7, 1944 - November 17, 2023

Doris Sue (Mackey) Isbell, 79, of Fort Gibson, was born January 7, 1944 to James and Lillie (Fanning) Mackey in Braggs, OK and met her Lord and Savior on Friday, November 17, 2023 at her home with her loving family by her bedside.

Doris grew up in Braggs and earned the name 'Tom' because she was quite the tomboy. She married her best friend and the love of her life William Wallace Isbell on September 9, 1964. A marriage that stood the test of time of 59 years, two months and eight days. Doris loved sewing and working on puzzles. She enjoyed cooking and baking, especially at Christmas, for her friends and family. Doris was a lifelong member of Braggs Church of Christ. Her greatest passion was taking care of her children and grandchildren and helping anyone in need. She loved her family fiercely and will be truly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Doris is preceded in death by her parents, James and Lillie Mackey; sisters, Louise Ward, Betty Kennedy, and Peggy Slape; brother, James (Buster) Mackey; and nephews, J.B. Slape, and Scott Slape.

She is lovingly survived by her devoted husband, Bill of the home; daughters, Cheri Nunez and husband Robert of Fort Gibson, OK, and Dianna Gilliam and husband Kelly of Fort Gibson, OK; son, William Todd Isbell and partner Annelise Fowler of Fort Gibson, OK; grandsons, Robby Nunez and wife Stefani of Pryor, OK, Nicholas Nunez, Joshua Nunez, Brock Gilliam, Morgan Gilliam, and Jace Gilliam and wife Alyssa, all of Fort Gibson, OK;

granddaughter, Rachel Nunez; bonus granddaughter, Haley Minter; great grandsons, Kayden and Grayson Ortiz of Fort Gibson, OK; nieces, Tammy Kennedy and Tina Kennedy both of Braggs, OK; numerous nieces and nephews, extended family, and many friends.

A visitation will be held from Monday, November 20, 2023 at Braggs Church of Christ with Doris' family receiving friends 5PM-7PM.

A celebration of Doris' life will be held 10:30AM, Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at Braggs Church of Christ with Minister Leon Brashear and Curtis Brashear officiating. Committal prayers and interment will follow at Fort Gibson National Cemetery with Robby Nunez, Rachel Nunez, Nicholas Nunez, Joshua Nunez, Brock Gilliam, Morgan Gilliam, and Jace Gilliam serving as casket bearers. Honorary casket bearers are Jimmy Ward, Johnny Ward, and George Allen Ward.

We would like to thank each of you for your condolences and concern for our family since Doris' passing. The warmth of your expressions of care for our family help melt the 18 months of anxiety and grief since Doris was diagnosed with a death sentence called ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease).

We hoped and prayed for a cure that never came as her body gave way to the ravages of this terrible life robbing disease. At the last, only her eyes could express her love for us as we daily told her of ours.

Please pray for a cure!

Our family would like to thank Hometown Hospice for their loving concern and care for Doris.

The family of Doris Sue Isbell has entrusted her care, services, and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Fort Gibson. Online condolences may be left for the Isbell family at [clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com](http://clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Previous Events

## Visitation with Family to Greet Friends

NOV **20**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Braggs Church of Christ  
202 S Washington  
Braggs, OK 74423

## Celebration of Life

NOV **21**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Braggs Church of Christ  
202 S Washington  
Braggs, OK 74423

## Committal

NOV **21**. 12:30 PM (CT)

Fort Gibson National Cemetery  
1423 Cemetery Road  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434



# Tribute Wall

GB

“ *Rest In Peace my childhood friend, and blessings to Billy and family.* ”



Gene Burris - November 21, 2023 at 01:42 PM

CW

“ *Sending heartfelt sympathies to Bill, his family and friends that loved Doris. I did not have the pleasure of knowing her, but had many occasions to be in Bills company. He faithfully served our beloved National Cemetery and veteran families honorably with years of tireless dedication, a warm and kind presence with genuine love extended to countless grieving families often needing his shoulders to lean on....it was reassuring to have his guidance and always a comfort seeing him. Therefore, I know he chose well in a life partner and can only begin to imagine the wonderful life shared together with Doris, their family and community. May some of the abundant, loving kindness that Bill so often and freely shared with others be returned now to him and all his loved ones. I am one among many wishing him peaceful and everlasting comfort in these difficult days ahead. Love, Carolyn Cahoon Watts* ”

Carolyn Watts - November 21, 2023 at 10:17 AM

SJ

“ *Shelia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Doris Isbell* ”



Shelia Johnson - November 21, 2023 at 08:20 AM

TK

“ 12 files added to the tribute wall



Tammy Kennedy - November 21, 2023 at 12:29 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Doris Sue Isbell.



November 20, 2023 at 01:56 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Doris Sue Isbell.



November 20, 2023 at 01:22 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Doris Sue Isbell.*



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November 20, 2023 at 01:19 PM



“ *ONE Gas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Doris Sue Isbell.*

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**ONE Gas** - November 20, 2023 at 01:19 PM



“ *The Jim Newcomb Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Doris Sue Isbell.*



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**The Jim Newcomb Family** - November 20, 2023 at 11:36 AM



“ *I will always be grateful for time spent with Doris. She was the best friend and co-worker. Fly high Doris Sue....Love from your old Braggs buddy💖*

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**Beth Dillon** - November 20, 2023 at 10:56 AM

FB

“ So sorry to hear of your loss ~~

*Quinton and Fran Barker*



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**Fran Barker** - November 20, 2023 at 10:44 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Doris Sue Isbell.*



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November 19, 2023 at 06:26 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Doris Sue Isbell.*



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November 19, 2023 at 10:46 AM

JG

“ *Jeff and Crystal Gilliam planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Doris Sue Isbell.*

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**Jeff and Crystal Gilliam** - November 19, 2023 at 10:46 AM

JK

“ Jeanette Joe Karnes lit a candle in memory of Doris Isbell



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**Jeanette and Joe Karnes** - November 18, 2023 at 08:33 PM

JH

“ James Harris lit a candle in memory of Doris Isbell



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**James Harris** - November 17, 2023 at 10:35 PM

CL

“ Chris L. purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Doris Sue Isbell.



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**Chris L.** - November 17, 2023 at 08:10 PM

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“ Chris L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Doris Sue Isbell.

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**Chris L.** - November 17, 2023 at 08:10 PM