



## Dorothy Loretta Gilliss

January 17, 1939 - June 1, 2024

Dorothy Loretta Gilliss, 85, of Oktaha, OK, was born the daughter of Floyd and Edith (Head) Norman January 17, 1939, in Temple, OK and passed away Saturday, June 1, 2024 in Muskogee. Dorothy graduated high school with the class of 1956 from Temple High School, and attended Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, OK. She was a resident of Walters, OK until 1977, the year she met and married the love of her life, Claude "Jerry" Gilliss on July 3, 1977. After receiving her education, she pursued a career as a book-keeper for various foundries and construction companies. Dorothy loved life. She was an avid member of First United Methodist Church in Oktaha, OK, playing piano there for many years. Dorothy loved to cook, making many meals for her loved ones over the years. She was adventurous and loved to travel, visiting all 50 states with her husband in their 47 years of marriage. She loved to play cards, sew, read, and she was a faithful supporter to the Oktaha Tigers, specifically the basketball and debate team. Dorothy found a passion in pecan farming, which led her to be a member of the Oklahoma Pecan Growers Association for many years. She was known for her loving spirit, infectious smile, and her loud, belly laugh. She loved her family and her animals, and she will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Dorothy was preceded in death by her daughter, Gerri Yarbor; son, Tommy Meyer; her parents, Floyd and Edith (Head) Norman; her sister-in-law, Karen Keith; brother-in-law, Stormy Gilliss; and her mother-in-law, Rita Taldo. She is survived by her loving husband, Claude "Jerry" Gilliss of Muskogee, OK;

daughter, Kathy Ables and husband Ronnie Ables, of Walters, OK; son, Kenny Meyer and wife Debbie of Walters, OK; son, Daniel Gilliss of Tulsa, OK; daughter, Pamela Cale and husband Chuck Cale of Jenks, OK; daughter, Lynn Gilliss of Texas; daughter, Amanda Gilliss of Chicago, IL; brother-in-law, Eddie Gilliss and wife Patti Gilliss of Claremore, OK; brother-in-law, Bill Keith of Tulsa, OK; sister-in-law, Carol Eftekahari of Port Richey, FL; and a special friend, Sarah Antwine; nineteen grandchildren; numerous great grandchildren and many friends.

A celebration of Dorothy's life will be held 3:00 PM, Friday, June 7, 2024 at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel in Muskogee with Reverend Paul Metcalfe and Reverend James Williams officiating.

The family of Dorothy Loretta Gilliss has entrusted her care, service, and cremation to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Crematory, Muskogee. 918-910-8883. Online condolences may be left for Dorothy's family at [clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com](http://clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com)

To view Dorothy's celebration of life, please click on this link:

<https://teams.live.com/meet/9392136636069?p=ZZWsSTyR5EvsnoZc98>

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN 7. 3:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Crematory Chapel  
1020 W Okmulgee  
Muskogee, OK 74401

# Tribute Wall



“ Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Dorothy Loretta Gilliss



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**Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home** - June 04, 2024 at 08:31 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy Loretta Gilliss.



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June 07, 2024 at 10:42 AM



“ Unique Lighting of Texas purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Dorothy Loretta Gilliss.



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**Unique Lighting of Texas** - June 07, 2024 at 09:54 AM

TG

“ Tracy G. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dorothy Loretta Gilliss.



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**Tracy G.** - June 06, 2024 at 11:42 AM

PE

“ Perkins lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Gilliss



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**Perkins** - June 06, 2024 at 02:46 AM

PE

“ to the family of Dorothy, we are so sorry for your loss. She was a great lady and lots of fun. Loved her at ball games. I am as bad as she was. You all couldn,t ask for a better mom. God is with you all. Raymond, Claudia, Krystal and Somer and kids Perkins

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**Perkins** - June 06, 2024 at 02:46 AM

LN

“ Linda and Larry Neal purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dorothy Loretta Gilliss.



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**Linda and Larry Neal** - June 05, 2024 at 05:22 PM

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“ Linda and Larry Neal planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Loretta Gilliss.

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**Linda and Larry Neal** - June 05, 2024 at 05:22 PM

ST

“ Loretta was a very dear friend form the time we were 9 years old. we shared lots of fun times together and many laughs. I was with her the night her first daughter was born and got to rejoice with her. I also shared the day her daughter was laid to rest after being in horrible auto accident. That was a day of indescribable heartache. I didn't get to meet her second daughter until she was a couple of years old as I had moved away by then. I have since come to love her as I did her mother. she is very special to me.. I got to meet her boys after they were older but didn't get to know them that well. The last big occasion I got to spend with her was her 80th birthday party and most all of her family was there. From being an only little chick she created a big flock. I got to love her for 76 years and will miss her the rest of mine. She was a very special and dear friend. Sarah Etta Tipton-Antwine

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**Sarah Tipton** - June 04, 2024 at 02:15 PM

SB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Sondra Brush** - June 04, 2024 at 06:24 AM

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“ *First xmas with Great Grandma Loretta  
Leighton Meyer 7 days old*



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**Sondra Brush** - June 03, 2024 at 10:00 AM