



Dorothy Ellen (Hulse) Walkingstick

April 19, 1937 - September 10, 2023

The world lost an incredibly strong woman, Dorothy Ellen Hulse Walkingstick, 86, Sunday morning, September 10th, 2023, in Tulsa, Oklahoma at Porta Caeli Hospice House. Dorothy was born April 19th, 1937, in Wheeler, Arkansas and the youngest daughter of Rosa M. Ratliff Hulse and Russell Charles Hulse.

Dorothy graduated from Farmington High School in 1954 and began work as a telephone operator at SW Bell Telephone company. In July 1956, she met her future husband, Ralph E. Walkingstick, and they married on January 25th, 1957, before he started college. Dorothy helped support her husband's college education by continuing work with SW Bell and through the birth of two daughters. Upon Ralph's graduation from the University of Arkansas, the young family moved to Dallas, Texas where Ralph began his engineering career. A third daughter was born in 1969 shortly before Ralph accepted a job in Tulsa, Oklahoma and a son was born in 1970. Dorothy continued to care for her growing family and started work for the Jenks Public School System in 1978. She later worked as an Administrative Assistant in the Nursing School at Bacone College in Muskogee.

Dorothy was a Camp Fire Girl leader for 15 years, loving the retreats, outdoor cooking, friendships, and fun. Dorothy loved watching and feeding birds, especially hummingbirds. She was a weather watcher all her days and would text her children the latest weather report to make sure that we knew what was going on. She was fiercely independent and self-reliant, a trait she

passed on to her children. She loved her grandchildren and great grandchildren and was extremely proud of them all. She will be missed by everyone including the local hummingbirds, racoons, deer, stray cats, and probably a possum or two.

Dorothy was predeceased by her parents, Russell Charles Hulse and Rosa Mae Hulse (Ratliff); her husband of 58 years, Ralph E. Walkingstick, her sister, Margie I. Ball, and two brothers, Howard Hulse and Harold Hulse. Dorothy leaves behind to cherish her memory three daughters: Tamara Walkingstick and husband Jack Gazin of Yale, OK, Marci Walkingstick and husband Jeff Dixon of Tucson, AZ, Danita Walkingstick Cox of Tahlequah, OK, son, Sean Walkingstick and wife Amy (Smith) of Tulsa, OK and her brother, Doug Hulse and wife Joyce, of Lincoln, Arkansas. She leaves behind seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren plus numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

The family would like to thank the caregivers at The Springs Nursing Center, the Good Shepherd Hospice and especially the caregivers at Porta Caeli House in Tulsa. Donations can be made in her name to the Porta Caili Hospice House or the Humane Society of Cherokee County in Tahlequah. A celebration for Dorothy will be 11AM Monday September 18, 2023, at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel in Muskogee, OK with Andy Vargas, Caleb Cook, Zachery Cox, Rob Hulse, Jamie Hulse, and Tim Ball serving as casket bearers, and Brother Justin Kinman officiating. A visitation for Dorothy with family accepting friends 4PM – 6PM Saturday September 16, 2023.

The family of Dorothy Walkingstick has entrusted her care and service and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Crematory 1020 West Okmulgee, Muskogee, OK 918-910-8883. Online condolences may be left for the Walkingstick 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

SEP **16.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Crematory (Muskogee)
1020 West Okmulgee Ave
Muskogee, OK 74401
(918) 910-8883

Celebration of Life

SEP **18.** 11:00 AM (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 Tribute Video in memory of Dorothy Ellen (Hulse) Walkingstick



Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home - September 14, 2023 at 05:36 PM

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She's gorgeous ! Sorry for your loss . ☐ 🙏

sheliaRisenhoover Haughey - September 18, 2023 at 03:40 PM

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“ Dorothy Walkingstick was a caring sole and loved very much, there wasn't a day that went by that Danita would go into the office, give us the weather report, she would say "per weather meteorologist Dorothy Walkingstick it is going to be such and such decrees and rain" or whatever it may have been for the day. (lol) We would laugh and carry on. Dorothy lives on thru her children and will be deeply missed! Thinking of you all and Danita, I miss you more than you know! Hugging you all from a distance!! ~Lita~

Lita - September 18, 2023 at 10:03 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy Ellen (Hulse) Walkingstick.



September 16, 2023 at 11:35 AM



“ Scott W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Ellen (Hulse) Walkingstick.

Scott W. - September 15, 2023 at 03:52 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dorothy Ellen (Hulse) Walkingstick.



September 14, 2023 at 09:28 AM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Dorothy Ellen (Hulse) Walkingstick.



September 14, 2023 at 02:40 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorothy Ellen (Hulse) Walkingstick.*



September 13, 2023 at 04:20 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Dorothy Ellen (Hulse) Walkingstick.*



September 13, 2023 at 11:12 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dorothy Ellen (Hulse) Walkingstick.*

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“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy Ellen (Hulse) Walkingstick.*



September 12, 2023 at 08:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Dorothy Ellen (Hulse) Walkingstick.



September 11, 2023 at 07:24 PM