



## Freida Mae Watts

November 5, 1931 - December 1, 2022

The Role has been called up yonder and Freida is there.

When the roll was called up yonder on December 1, 2022, our beloved mom, Nana, Freto, good and faithful servant arrived there much too soon for us but not soon enough for her. She was preceded in death by her parents Minor and Lettie McCroskey, son-in-law Steve Robberson, and granddaughter Shannon Walker. Survived by her sisters Loretta Cox, Laverne Knight, daughter Koni Robberson, son Bob Watts and wife Carolyn, granddaughters Kari Robberson, Stephanie Newton, great granddaughters Katalina Robberson Bishop, Rowan Walker and other family members and friends. The memories of such a fiercely independent, courageous and spirited wife, sister, mother, grandmother, aunt and friend will be honored for years to come.

Born in Mountain View, Oklahoma, November 5, 1931, to Minor and Lettie Belle (Roberts) McCroskey, Freida Mae was the oldest of three sisters. From her earliest childhood in Wetumka, Oklahoma, she was known to be mischievous, a curious tomboy exploring the outdoors by climbing trees and preferred following her father around as his constant shadow, watching and helping him in ways that would later prepare her for many useful lifetime talents. Freida's keen interest in Home Economics inspired the skills she perfected as an expert seamstress and fabulous cook. We were astounded, throughout the years, by her natural ability to create and master anything she decided to do, which included playing the piano.

Following formal schooling in Wetumka and Tulsa, she began her life's journey as a Wife, Mother, and Skilled Professional. From Administrative Assistant, Life & Health Insurance Broker to providing presentations and enrollment opportunities for Employee Deduction Services, she continuously exceeded established goals and expectations. Travel was a big part of Freida's life as she accepted job assignments throughout the United States, vacationed in the Caribbean and enjoyed all the seasonal activities of the Rocky Mountains. From parasailing, to hiking, tobogganing, ice skating and downhill skiing, she was constantly active and engaged with her surroundings. She was passionate about her church and community, frequently volunteering for the Children's Hospital and Oklahoma Medical Research events. Working well into her eighties, she thrived on being useful and productive in her home or any office away from it. She defied being idle, until older age slowly crept up on her. Remaining stubborn and determined, she flourished in spite of any challenge before her. That incredible force within allowed her to remain in her home and our hearts for much longer than we could have imagined. She dreamed the impossible dream and made much of it come true. Progressing to this well-deserved and eternal nap, you will be missed Freida Mae.

The family will always remember Freida's abiding faith, enduring strength and endless love, devotion and support of all those she knew and loved.

Faith is to believe what you do not see. The reward of faith is to see what you believe.

We are assured by her deeds in life that Freida is seeing what she believes

A Memorial Service is planned for Freida at Christ's Legacy Church, 11101 N. Morgan Road, Yukon, OK on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023, at 11:00 am.

The family welcomes donations to her Church, Christ's Legacy Church, 11101 N. Morgan Road, Yukon, OK 73099 or the Oklahoma Children's Hospital, P.O. Box 248955, Oklahoma City, OK 73124 as an expression of sympathy in lieu of flowers.

Freida's Obituary was beautifully written by her family.

The family of Freida Mae Watts has entrusted her care and cremation to

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com](http://clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Christ's Legacy Church  
11101 N. Morgan Road  
Yukon, OK 73124

# Tribute Wall



“ *Freida Mae Watts*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *Grandma, I love you & miss you so much. I am so fortunate to have been able to move back home & spend the last 12 years getting to know you not just as my grandma, but as a friend, my best friend. You were truly one of the funniest people I have ever met. You always found a way to break a serious situation with a funny remark. Every day that I spent with you brought me so much laughter & joy. You will always mean the world to me. - ❤️ Your Little Bean Head*

**Stephanie Newton** - January 05, 2023 at 03:17 PM



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**Watts Bob** - December 29, 2022 at 09:34 AM

NW

“ Freida and I traveled across the US making employee benefit presentations and enrolling people in payroll deducted benefits. We happened to be in Boca Raton, Florida one time when halloween was approaching and the crew working with us wanted to have a halloween party. So Freida and I went to a costume shop and bought costumes. I became a biker babe and Freida was the hit of the party! She went as a hospital patient with the surgical hat on and BIG fake bottom with the open-down-the-back gown!

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**Norma West** - December 25, 2022 at 07:54 PM

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“ One time many years ago, Freida lived at Quail Creek Apartments and I had sort of lost contact with her. When I reconnected and found her living about a mile from me, I went to see her. When I rang the doorbell, she yelled for me to come in. As I walked in and turned to my left, there Freida sat in a chair with her feet propped up on a settee with what appeared to be steel rods sticking out of the toes of her feet! I was just appalled! I asked her why in the world she had not let me know what she was going through. Her reply, Oh, I'm just fine! Just like Freida!

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**Norma West** - December 25, 2022 at 07:48 PM

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**Bob Watts** - December 19, 2022 at 08:44 PM

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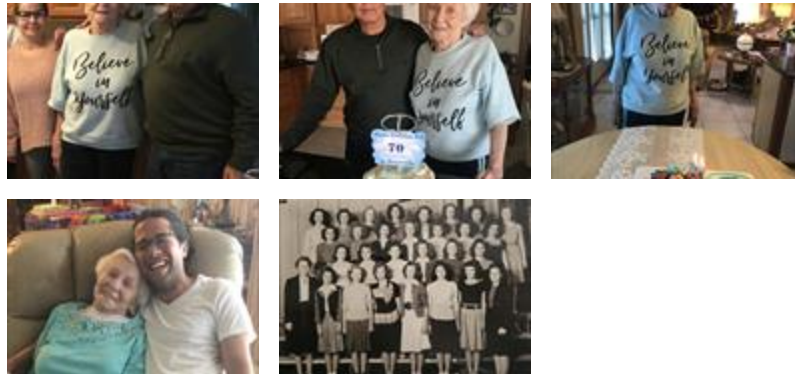
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Watts Bob - December 19, 2022 at 10:14 AM

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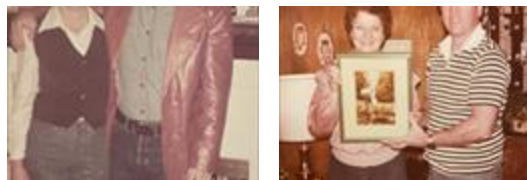
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Bob Watts - December 19, 2022 at 07:52 AM

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Bob Watts - December 14, 2022 at 09:30 AM

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**Lora Cox** - December 10, 2022 at 12:53 AM

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**Lora Cox** - December 10, 2022 at 12:41 AM

“ Remembering Mom’s Influenced in my Life

*My earliest memory is waking up from having my tonsils removed and first seeing a cast iron military airplane I could play with. It was gray with red wings that folded and helped me recognize my early interest in military aviation. The second thing was noticing that most of the ice cream she thoughtfully had placed next to my bed had melted but still served its purpose.*

*Christmas was always a special holiday, wearing red striped pajamas sometimes knowing that Santa Claus was just outside the door dressed in an intricate costume that she had hand made to make the occasion as real as only she could provide. Sometimes there was snow outside so deep it covered my head while standing and acted as a cushion when jumping from the porch or off the fence into a winter wonderland. It was the beginning of my fascination with Colorado and the experience of tobogganing, ice skating, skiing and snow ice cream that made snow flakes seem so magical. She even took me to the North Pole, where Santa and his reindeer had their special place in the mountains.*

*From an early age, Model Airplanes would become a distinctive part of my life. Before the age of 5, I used a dollar bill that Grandma gave me to buy a B-17 plastic model kit I put together myself. She could tell I had assembled it because the model had glue all over rather than just on the seams. This attempt was just the beginning as she continued to provide the means for me to express myself with things that fly. Supported by her gifts and an allowance, model airplanes decorated my bedroom throughout my adolescence.*

*Flying eventually became a part of my life using all the money earned as a Liberty National Bank maintenance employee to take flying lessons the summer before my senior year in High School.*

*Working within the same building, her guidance and influence generated the opportunity for this summer job. Even pursuing my dream to become a Military Pilot was impacted by her suggestion that I might consider the Marine Corps after the chance*

*conversation she had with a Marine Officer Selection Officer. This encouragement resulted in the most rewarding career choice of my life. Her simple recommendation allowed me to follow my dreams, travel the world and evolve to become a successful Military Officer. As I advance throughout my career, we shared the attractions of several duty assignments including Virginia, Washington D.C., Maryland, Florida, Texas, Arizona, and Colorado resulting in memories that lasted a life time. She was always there to witness special achievements, from the beginning as I pinned on my Second Lieutenant Bars to my Change of Command and Retirement as a Lieutenant Colonel.*

*None of this would have happened without her unwavering devotion as my mother while I matured from a child to a young man. She encouraged me throughout my education and my interest in sports as I wondered through Baseball, Football, and Wrestling to final discover Cross Country and Track. She was always there to witness accomplishments and discoveries as I worked my way through life events until focusing my effort on what I truly needed to achieve. She endured my mischievous pranks, my fascination with Skydiving as well as harsh life changing moments which formed that unique individual I would become. She accepted Carolyn as a daughter as well as my wife helping to make my marriage with her a most amazing and enjoyable experience. She enjoyed the excitement of Snow Skiing, Sight Seeing and Travel as we included her in our family travels, creating memorable moments she continuously referenced. She shared her home with all of our furry animal children (Mach, Tally, Maggie and Pipper) knowing they were just as excited to see and hound her for attention.*

*All of these precious moments are just a fragment of so many things in my life we shared because you were and still are my Mom... I Love You! Robert*

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**Bob Watts** - December 09, 2022 at 08:41 AM

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**Bob Watts** - December 07, 2022 at 03:23 PM

“ My beloved mother in law unexpectedly slipped away from those she loved, on her own terms....just as she had lived her 91 glorious years of life. I already miss her, yet realize she will always be remembered, for how could anyone like her be easily forgotten? Feisty and fun loving, Freidas long and lively years were filled with fierce, independent passion and abundant joy. Over fifty years of knowing her, I have remained in awe of all the things she accomplished and attempted doing, yet often perplexed of those things she chose not to do....remaining stubborn and determined, she thrived and survived in spite of any challenge before her. That incredible force within allowed her to remain in her home and our hearts for much longer than we could have imagined.

I often marveled at her ability to stay intensely focused at any task at hand. Whether cooking, sewing, gardening, crafting, volunteering, etc. she was a master of so many things. Working well into her eighties, she thrived on being useful and productive in her home or any office away from it. She defied being idle, until older age slowly crept up on her. Then, she finally found the greatest contentment relaxing in her recliner, gazing out upon her lovely surroundings and tranquil lake while reading the Daily Oklahoman that always seemed to coax her into a well deserved nap.

I will carry fondly many memories within me while cherishing all the handmade creations of hers that surround me. She dreamed “the impossible dream” and made much of it come true. Although our outlooks on life at times may have differed, we managed to share our views with love and mutual respect, always finding common ground....we were bonded by her ability to treat me like one of her family and our shared love of her son.

She did not prefer collecting “stuff” but scattered enormous amounts of love and laughter around wherever she happened to be. How could I have known so long ago when first meeting Bob, that by marrying him would bring into my life such a festive, funny, formidable, fanciful, fiery, forever fascinating mom, Freida? As I

*gaze now upon her beloved lake that became her little piece of heaven on earth, I will always remember her abiding faith, enduring strength and endless love, devotion and support of all those she knew and loved. With much love and affection, Carolyn*

*“It is not what you gather in life, it is what you scatter in life that tells what kind of life you have lived”*

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**Carolyn Watts** - December 06, 2022 at 08:42 AM

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**Stephanie Newton** - December 05, 2022 at 12:30 PM

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**Stephanie Newton** - December 05, 2022 at 12:26 PM

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**Stephanie Newton** - December 05, 2022 at 12:24 PM

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**Bob Watts** - December 05, 2022 at 08:37 AM

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**Bob Watts** - December 05, 2022 at 08:36 AM

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**Bob Watts** - December 05, 2022 at 08:34 AM

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**Bob Watts** - December 05, 2022 at 08:32 AM

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Bob Watts - December 04, 2022 at 09:11 PM

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Stephanie Newton - December 04, 2022 at 03:48 PM

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carolyn watts - December 03, 2022 at 01:57 PM

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**Bob Watts** - December 03, 2022 at 10:50 AM

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**Bob Watts** - December 03, 2022 at 09:32 AM

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**Bob Watts** - December 02, 2022 at 08:36 PM

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**Bob Watts** - December 02, 2022 at 06:07 PM



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**Clifford Garrett** - December 02, 2022 at 04:21 PM