



G. Darlene Ford

February 12, 1949 - February 27, 2023

Gloria 'Darlene' (Fryar) Ford, of Fort Gibson, was born February 12, 1949, in Braggs, OK to Vance and Vivian (McGuire) Fryar and passed away Monday, February 27, 2023, at the age of 74. She attended Ft. Gibson Public Schools, then pursued Cosmetology. Darlene married her best friend and the love of her life, Donald James Ford on Saturday, August 14, 1965, in Stilwell, OK. From this union three children were born, Shelley Dawn, Gary Paul and Andrea Jill. Darlene and Don shared more than 57 years creating beautiful memories together. Soon after Darlene and Don's wedding, she began studying in the healthcare field at ICTC in Muskogee, where she obtained her Licensed Practical Nurse certification. Following this, she went to work at the Muskogee General Hospital, then went on to work for Dr. Reynolds' as his office nurse. She furthered her education by going to Connors State College and Bacone, where she achieved her Registered Nurse degree. Upon graduation, she went to work at Tahlequah City Hospital, and later worked at W.W. Hastings Hospital in Tahlequah, retiring as a Medical Surgical Nurse in 1994. She was forced to retire early, due to physical limitations, after being diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. She was proud of her Cherokee Heritage, and greatly enjoyed arrowhead hunting, coin collecting and metal detecting. Darlene greatly impacted countless lives throughout her service in nursing and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. She was preceded in death by her parents Vance and Vivian Fryar; brothers, Gary Fryar, Quannah Fryar and Warren Fryar; sister, Barbara Ellis; and daughter-in-law,

Stacie Ford. Those left to cherish Darlene's memories are her husband, Donald of the home; daughters, Shelley Ford and Andrea Ford, both of Fort Gibson; son, Paul Ford of Fort Gibson; two very special grandchildren, Haley Nicole Ford McElroy of Broken Arrow and Logan Zane Ford of Fort Gibson; sister, Joyce Tolbert of Fort Gibson; and she also left behind many cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions in Darlene's name to the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Darlene's viewing will be 12PM to 7PM with the family receiving friends from 5PM to 7PM Thursday, March 2, 2023, at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson. A Celebration of Darlene's life will be held 1PM Friday, March 3, 2023, at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Tonna Jones officiating. Committal prayers and interment will follow at Citizens Cemetery in Fort Gibson with David Huggins, Mike Fryar, Gene Fryar, Billy Fryar, David Fryar and Michael Ellis serving as pallbearers. Stan Sisk, Larry Church and Lyle Tolbert will serve as honorary pallbearers. The family of Gloria 'Darlene' (Fryar) Ford has entrusted her care, service and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, 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

Viewing

MAR 2. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home (Fort Gibson)
1224 E Poplar St
Fort Gibson, OK 74434
(918) 478-2555

Visitation with Family to Greet Friends

MAR 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home (Fort Gibson)
1224 E Poplar St
Fort Gibson, OK 74434
(918) 478-2555

Celebration of Life

MAR 3. 1:00 PM (CT)

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

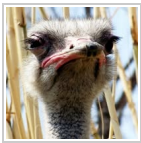
Tribute Wall

SH

“ *shelia Haughey lit a candle in memory of G. Ford*



shelia Risenhoover Haughey - April 04, 2023 at 12:12 PM



“ *Kendra Atchley lit a candle in memory of G. Ford*



Kendra Atchley - March 09, 2023 at 03:32 PM

AF

“ *Your home in heaven now. Rest In Peace Angel. I love you Mom...*

Love, Andrea Ford



Andrea Ford - March 07, 2023 at 01:23 AM

JB

“ *Duck, Darlene, Ricky and I were friends for many years. We were so sorry to hear of her passing. Prayers for the family. Rick and Judy Berkenbile*

Judy Berkenbile - March 03, 2023 at 02:38 PM



“ 0 file added to the tribute wall

Clifford Garrett - March 03, 2023 at 11:36 AM



“ I'll forever have your loving arms around me Mama!! Logan & I love you so very much, and miss you already. RIP now, God's got you!
❤️

~Our eternal love
ShelleyDawnFord Logan Ford



Shelley Ford - March 03, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ Darlene was always like an extension of the Gilliam family. All our hearts are broken. She will be missed. Deepest condolences.

Lisa Kiddie - March 02, 2023 at 08:53 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of G. Darlene Ford.



March 02, 2023 at 04:44 PM

PI

“ *Pat Isbell lit a candle in memory of G. Ford*



Pat Isbell - March 02, 2023 at 09:44 AM

ST

“ *I'm so sorry for yalls loss!! She was an amazing person. Prayers and hugs for everyone!!! She will be missed.*

Stephanie Tippie - March 02, 2023 at 02:11 AM

CH

“ *christy Huggins lit a candle in memory of G. Ford*



christy Huggins - March 01, 2023 at 06:32 PM



Hannah
Renee
Johnson

“ *Im so sorry for your familys loss. Praying for u all*

Hannah Renee Johnson - March 01, 2023 at 11:40 AM

AF

Thank you my friend.

Andrea Ford - March 07, 2023 at 01:42 AM

LS

“ *Darlene, I have so many beautiful memories of you and I when we were kids. I wish I could list them all here. I always admired your spirit and that beautiful face.
RIP my dear sweet friend.
Linda (Clopton) Snow*


Linda Snow - February 28, 2023 at 09:55 PM

BM

“ *Barbara McElmurry lit a candle in memory of
G. Ford*



Barbara McElmurry - February 28, 2023 at 04:50 PM

 Jamie
McCarthy

“ *Such a wonderful woman! Strongest woman
I'd ever met. Thank you so much for just
being someone to talk to when I needed it.
You will never be forgotten! Rest in peace
angel. We love you!*



Jamie McCarthy - February 28, 2023 at 04:30 PM

AF

Thank you Jamie. Mom dearly loved you girls.

Andrea Ford - March 07, 2023 at 01:47 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of G. Darlene Ford.*



February 28, 2023 at 04:00 PM



“ *For all the lovely childhood memories and the encouragement you've given over the years, may you rest in peace, Aunt Darlene. Fly high, AngelDoll. ❤️*



Cathy Young - February 28, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *I'll forever love and miss you Mom.*



Paul - February 28, 2023 at 12:47 PM



“ *Haley McElroy lit a candle in memory of G. Ford*



Haley McElroy - February 27, 2023 at 10:59 PM

LF

Thank you Darlene and family and to all the Fryar family for welcoming me into your family. The love I have felt through the years has been unreasonable. My thoughts and prayers are with you Duck, Shelley, Andrea, Paul, Logan, and Haley. I love all of you very much. And Miss Darlene I will always love you as the sister I never had.

Linda Fryar - March 01, 2023 at 04:16 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of G. Darlene Ford.*



February 27, 2023 at 10:55 PM