



Ima Dale Byfield

April 6, 1925 - August 23, 2023

Ima Dale Byfield was born April 6, 1925, to Clarren G. and Mamie (Tackett) Wilson in Vian, OK and peacefully passed away Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at her home in Fort Gibson. She lived in Fort Gibson for the last 81 years.

She received her formal education at Fort Gibson Schools. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, gardening and creating picture albums. But, her loving trademark was her handwritten letters that she sent to many. Most of all she loved spending time with her family and cooking for them. She worked as a cashier and in sales for the Big J Department Store. Dale was a member of the Church of Christ her entire life, where she worked as their church secretary until 1991. She then worked from home, babysitting her grandchildren and the Hackworth children until 2006. While she was in her eighty's she still participated in "camp ins" at the church and would spend the night helping chaperone the kids.

Dale is lovingly survived by her daughter, Jean Cook and husband Ronnie; son, Billy Lee Byfield; grandsons, Steve Cook and wife Leslie; Gary Cook and wife Kelly all of Fort Gibson; granddaughters; Heather Byfield of Kentucky, Rachael Byfield of Bartlesville, and Barbara Travis of Wichita, KS; great-grandchildren, Tyler Cook and wife Samantha of Muskogee, Kacy Cook and wife Cortney, Kevin Cook and wife Ashton, Zane Cook and wife Abigail, and Kennedy Cook and wife Blayne, all of Fort Gibson, Madison Orman of Tulsa, Alexis Orman of Fort Gibson, and Savannah Dunn of Bartlesville; sixteen

great-great grandchildren, brother-in-law James Watkins of Muskogee and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Lee Byfield, her parents, Clarren G. and Mamie (Tackett) Wilson, brother, Clarren G. Wilson Jr. and wife Patricia; also, two sets of twin siblings and one sibling who all passed away at an early age; great-granddaughter Ashley Dunn, as well as, numerous brothers and sisters-in-law.

A visitation will be held Sunday, August 27, 2023, from 2PM-4PM with family greeting friends at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Muskogee, 1020 West Okmulgee, 918-910-8883.

A celebration of life for Ima Dale Byfield will be held 10AM, Monday, August 28, 2023, at Fort Gibson Church of Christ with Grandson Gary Cook officiating. Kevin Cook, Kacy Cook, Kennedy Cook, Tyler Cook, Zane Cook, and Steve Cook will serve as casket bearers. Terry Hackworth, Jerry Bebee, Charles Dortch, Mike Shoemake, Nick Shoemake and Mike McDonough will serve as honorary casket bearers.

The family of Ima Dale Byfield 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 Byfield family at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Citizens Cemetery

Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Previous Events

Visitation with Family to Greet Friends

AUG 27. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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

Celebration of Life

AUG 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

Fort Gibson Church of Christ
806 S Lee
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Tribute Wall

RA

“ *Didn't Madison n Alexis have an older sister "Green" is her dad*

Ray - November 05, 2025 at 12:32 AM

MJ

“ *Billy, very sorry for your loss. You have taken good care of her for several years. May you be blessed.*

marcella jones - August 29, 2023 at 07:12 PM

RJ

“ *Billy, I am sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*
Robert Jordan

Robert Jordan - August 28, 2023 at 11:23 AM

CS

“ *Billy, my heart is breaking for you with the loss of your mother. I'm so sorry.*

Charlotte Sturgeon - August 27, 2023 at 06:21 PM

JK

“ *Jeanette Joe Karnes lit a candle in memory of Ima Byfield*



Jeanette and Joe Karnes - August 26, 2023 at 09:21 PM

SW

“ *Sandra Huggins Worley lit a candle in memory of Ima Byfield*



Sandra J. Huggins Worley - August 24, 2023 at 09:26 AM

JH

“ *James Harris lit a candle in memory of Ima Byfield*



James Harris - August 23, 2023 at 10:32 PM