



Judith 'Judy' Ann (Benson) Summerlin

March 20, 1944 - October 14, 2025

Judith “Judy” Ann (Benson) Summerlin, 81, of Fort Gibson, Oklahoma, passed away on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She was born on March 20, 1944, in Muskogee, Oklahoma, to Charles and Ruby (Disney) Benson.

Judy grew up in Muskogee and attended Muskogee Public Schools. She spent much of her working life at a shoe repair company, where she built many lasting friendships that brought joy and companionship throughout the years.

Earlier in life, Judy married Jack Rogers, and together they had a daughter. Later in life, she met and married her best friend, Don Summerlin. They were united in marriage on May 20, 2022. Though their time together was brief, just over three years, it was filled with deep love and happiness. Judy often prayed for more time with Don and cherished every moment they shared.

A devoted animal lover, Judy always had a dog or a horse by her side. Her affection for animals was a constant throughout her life and brought her great comfort and joy.

Judy will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Judy is now reunited with her parents; daughter, Sabrina Dawn Rogers; her granddaughter, Chyanne Yandell; sister, Sharlene Benson Adamson; and brother, Charles Edward Benson.

Those left behind to cherish Judy’s memory are her husband, Don of the home; grandson, Brandon Yandell; nieces, Glenda Benson Park, Melissa

Adamson White, and Angela Adamson Dean; nephew, Paul Benson; stepdaughters, Denise Bauer and Linda Milton; stepson, Rick Summerlin; her best friend, Carolyn Ford; fur baby Max; extended family; and many friends. Visitation with family receiving friends will be 1PM-3PM, Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson.

A celebration of Judy's life will be 10AM, Thursday, October 23, 2025, at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel in Fort Gibson with Reverend Billy Fowler officiating. Committal prayers and interment will follow at Greenleaf Cemetery in Tahlequah with Herb Battenfield, Donnie Bauer, Randy BeBee, Steve Wood, Ronnie Milligan, and George Park serving as casket bearers. Max Thompson and Ronnie Holuby will serve as honorary casket bearers.

The family of Judith Ann Summerlin 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

Greenleaf Cemetery

Tahlequah, OK

Previous Events

Visitation with Family to Greet Friends

OCT **22**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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

Celebration of Life

OCT **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

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“ Miss Judy you will be missed you were like a mother to me your in the arms of our savior and no more worries rest in peace beautiful lady



Karen Lambert - October 28, 2025 at 09:15 PM

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“ Judy always had something positive to say. She has supported our music jams. We will miss her smiles and laughter. She was a great lady .

Steve Wood - October 16, 2025 at 10:49 AM