



## Kathy Joyce Gates

November 23, 1953 - October 3, 2021

Kathy Joyce Gates, 67, of Fort Gibson, OK was born November 23, 1953 in Muskogee, OK to Olen and Bobbie (Weger) Russell and peacefully passed away on Sunday, October 3, 2021.

Kathy received her formal education and graduated from Muskogee High School in 1971. In January of 1978, on the 13th day, she married the love of her life, Clarence, and they started a family. Kathy worked for Muskogee Public Schools at Whittier Elementary to be closer to her children that were in 2nd grade and kindergarten when she started, and stayed for over 10 years. She continued her career taking care of people, something she always felt like she was called to do. Kathy worked as a home health aide for over 15 years and finished her career working at St John's Hospital in Tulsa, OK.

Kathy enjoyed traveling. She and Clarence would travel everywhere, like Hawaii and Alaska, but Kathy really like the Dakotas. Kathy enjoyed visiting with friends and family over the phone. She loved every moment spent with her grandchildren. Kathy loved her pets as part of the family. She liked to stop at the casino and occasionally give the slot machines a run for their money. She was loved and will be missed by all who knew her. Kathy leaves behind to cherish her memories, her husband, Clarence of the home; son, Jeffery Gates and wife Sherry, of Fort Gibson; daughter, Elizabeth Davis and husband Tim, of Fort Gibson; grandchildren, Ian Davis, Leo Davis, Jeffery C. Gates and Jonathan Gates; sisters, Linda Dry and husband Thomas, Nancy Russell, Barbara Crabtree and Violet McKeen; aunt, Esther Lowe; extended family and many friends.

Kathy was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Curtis Russell and Richard Russell; grandparents, Jefferson and Minnie Weger; and brother-in-law, Jesse Crabtree. A viewing for Kathy will be 12PM-7PM Thursday, October 7, 2021 at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home with family receiving friends 5PM-7PM. A graveside service will be held 11AM Friday, October 8, 2021 at Memorial Park Cemetery in Muskogee, OK with Brother Larry Lashley officiating. Jeffery C. Gates, Tim Davis, Jr., Ian Davis, Jeffery Gates, Jonathan Gates and Jason Fulk will serve as casket bearers.

The family of Kathy Joyce Gates 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](http://clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com)



# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

7600 Old Taft Rd  
Muskogee, OK 74401

# Previous Events

## Viewing

OCT 7. 12:00 PM - 5:00 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

OCT 7. 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

OCT 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

Memorial Park Cemetery  
7600 Old Taft Rd  
Muskogee, OK 74401

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kathy Joyce Gates*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM

DK

“ *Joyce was a favorite customer of mine, and will always be remembered for her honest, straight-forward opinions and observations. She had a wonderful sense of humor, and loved her family dearly. She battled health issues for all of the years I knew her, but in spite of all of her problems, she would always ask how my family was doing.*

*Joyce's laugh, and her ability to say what was on her mind will be deeply missed. Rest peacefully, dear friend.*

David Kolb - October 08, 2021 at 10:55 AM

SG

“ *7 files added to the tribute wall*



Sherry Gates - October 07, 2021 at 04:16 PM

SF

“ *Saint Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Kathy Joyce Gates.*



Saint Family - October 07, 2021 at 01:36 PM

DD

“ *Debbie Davis lit a candle in memory of Kathy Joyce Gates*



Debbie Davis - October 07, 2021 at 01:14 PM

SG

“ *11 files added to the tribute wall*



Sherry Gates - October 07, 2021 at 12:23 AM

PF

“ *Patricia Flinn lit a candle in memory of Kathy Joyce Gates*



Patricia Flinn - October 06, 2021 at 04:42 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kathy Joyce Gates.*



October 06, 2021 at 04:11 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathy Joyce Gates.



October 06, 2021 at 03:55 PM

JR

“ Never Forget you Joyce, we went to school from Jr, High School, High School. Neighbors, Your laugh made me feel better when tough times come around, and tell it like it is, See you soon, dance now with the Lord, Jamie Hill Ritchie

Jamie Ritchie - October 06, 2021 at 02:32 PM

JS

“ Grew up with Joyce, we lived about a block away from each other. I have great childhood memories of her. Her fiery red hair and great personality! Rest In Peace dear friend.

Joyce Starr - October 06, 2021 at 01:07 PM

Dee  
Dunn

“ Joyce and I had been friends since Jr High. We might go a while between visits; but when we would see or speak it was like no time had passed. She reached out to me even when I was in west Texas! She will be greatly missed. 🙏



Dee Dunn - October 06, 2021 at 09:59 AM

ID

“ Ian And Leo Davis lit a candle in memory of Kathy Joyce Gates



Ian and Leo Davis - October 05, 2021 at 11:12 PM

RS

“ Joyce did so much for our family. While her contributions to the Saint family are innumerable, the greatest thing she did was make us laugh.... A lot. She will be truly missed!

Rich Saint - October 05, 2021 at 09:05 PM



“ *Jeffery Gates lit a candle in memory of Kathy Joyce Gates*



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**Jeffery Gates** - October 05, 2021 at 04:47 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Kathy Joyce Gates.*



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October 04, 2021 at 10:43 PM