



Linda Jean Arnett

August 9, 1948 - December 23, 2024

Linda Jean Arnett, 76, was born on August 9th, 1948 to John Dee Karnes and Carol Louise Tilley-McCool in Long Lane, Missouri. She married her husband, Bill Arnett, on August 26th, 1965. Of this union two beautiful babies were born, Carol Denise Ferguson and Billy Boyd Arnett. One of her favorite titles was being a mama. She worked for Fort Gibson Public Schools as a custodian for many years before deciding to pursue her career in being a teacher. She graduated from Connors and NSU and began teaching. Being a teacher was her passion. She was a great teacher and mentor to everyone who knew her. When you walked in her classroom, you knew learning was going to be fun. She fiercely loved her grandchildren, Chelsea, Garrett, Briston, and Kiersten. She was the best "Memaw" to her grandkids, always giving them life lessons, teaching them to cook or play cards. She was an avid birdwatcher and taught all her grandkids at a young age all the different names and types of birds. Her greatest title to date was being "Gamma" to her eight great-grandchildren, Kalaya, Madison, Cash, Brooks, Brynlee, Orlando, Baylor, and Jakayden. She loved spending time with her family and friends, always cracking funny jokes or playing tricks on you. You could never be around her and not laugh. She loved watching sports, often conversing with her sister, Kathy, about who is playing and what game was coming on that day. Anytime OU was on, she did not leave the house because she didn't want to miss watching the game. She recently moved to the house of her dreams. You could often find "Memaw" on her front porch sipping her morning cup of coffee with her dogs. She was

deeply loved and will be missed by everyone who knew her.

Linda was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Arnett; mother, Carol McCool; father, John Dee Karnes; son, Billy Arnett; brother, Bill Karnes; son-in-law, Kane Farguson; and nephew, Brian Karnes.

She is survived her daughter, Carol Farguson of Fort Gibson; granddaughters, Chelsea Mills of Muskogee and Kiersten Farguson of Fort Gibson; grandsons, Garrett Arnett of Broken Arrow and Briston Arnett of Glenpool; sister, Kathy Carter of Fort Gibson; brothers, Joe Karnes of Fort Gibson and Jim Karnes of Tulsa; extended family and many friends.

The Linda Arnett family is following her wishes to be cremated with a private farewell with family at a later date. They have entrusted her care and cremation to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson.

Online condolences may be left for Linda's family at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Tribute Wall

MO

“ My dads brother, Uncle Bill had the good fortune to marry Aunt Linda and I'm so glad he did. My favorite aunt. Our lives just wouldn't have been the same without her in them. She was always there when we needed guidance, love, and a good belly laugh. God strategically places people in our lives that He knows will help us along our way. I had very little memory of my mom so Aunt Linda would tell me story upon story about her. When I would thank her she would tell me she never got tired of talking about my mother. Aunt Linda was so wise, she always listened and you always walked away just a little smarter and a lot happier just from being around her. She was one of Gods angels, on lend for just a little while. Thank you for sharing your sister, your mother, your grandmother with me. I loved her so. Such a terrible loss to all who loved her here but anyone who knew her, knows her soul is safe at home at last.

Moose - December 27, 2024 at 06:34 PM

MP

“ Mrs. Arnett was one of the best teachers I ever had. Breaks my heart to hear about her passing. We love you Mrs. Arnett, I hope we will see you again someday.

Michael Loyd Perry - December 27, 2024 at 01:38 AM

MB

“Mrs. Arnett was one of my favorite teachers in school. I remember her lending me her personal copy of the very last book in the Eragon series when I was in her class because she knew how much I liked the series. I’ll also never forget the fake arm she had laying around each year around Halloween that she would playfully threaten us with, but more importantly, the amazing way she made learning and history fun. She’s one of the teachers I looked up to that eventually led me to also becoming a teacher as an adult. She will be missed.

Mya (Martin) Blosser - December 26, 2024 at 11:18 PM

GP

“I truly enjoyed working with Linda all of the years she taught at the middle school. I knew her to be a loyal friend and an inspiring teacher.

In our years of working together, I never saw Linda have a bad day. She always had that Linda smile and a positive attitude. If she ever had a bad day, no one ever knew it.

Linda always had a kind word for everyone. She was a quick wit and no one ever knew when the next “funny” would come out of her. Linda loved teaching her students and she loved the subject of American history. She brought history to life through her entertaining and descriptive stories. She truly was a gifted teacher and brought out the very best in students.

Linda was a beautiful person, inside and out. I am so appreciative that she was a part my life and such a positive influence on the hundreds students she taught over the years at Fort Gibson Middle School.

We were all blessed to have her in our lives.

Thank you Mrs. Arnett!

Greg Phares - December 26, 2024 at 11:01 PM

KG

“ Kay Gilliland lit a candle in memory of Linda Arnett



Kay Gilliland - December 26, 2024 at 10:55 PM

JH

“ Hundreds of students lives touched through this woman. Thousands of people impacted by her patience, her love, her wit, and her genuine goodness. While her physical body will be cremated, memories of Linda will carry on. I still remember making a “Civil War” journal for her history class. She had fun sponsoring the pep squad. In closing, this woman is awesome, thank you for giving us an opportunity to carry on in your love, patience, wit, and humor no matter how short we may fall from your gifts. All my love and thoughts for your family at this bitter sweet time. God bless you all!

Jacob Hubler - December 26, 2024 at 10:53 PM

KJ

“ Moving to fort Gibson in 8th grade was such a huge transition for me from Tulsa public, she was the first teacher that made me feel welcomed and loved and I always knew walking into her room, we were gonna laugh, have fun and memories were going to be made. She made such a hard year so much easier for me and I will forever be grateful and so thankful for her. Praying for her family ❤️ she will be missed!

Kiley Jones - December 26, 2024 at 09:24 PM

JR

“ *She was one of the best teachers I ever had. She treated my sister and I with so much love and patience.* ”



Jessica Richerson - December 26, 2024 at 08:12 PM

EB

“ *Eunice Brown lit a candle in memory of Linda Arnett* ”



Eunice Brown - December 26, 2024 at 07:13 PM

JH

“ *Linda was a great friend to me and a sweetheart and if she saw me in town we would have to stop and talk for a while and we would end up laughing about something or other. She will definitely be missed by myself and many people and the kids she had in her classes.* ”



James Harris - December 26, 2024 at 07:01 PM

DA

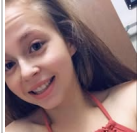
“ *She was a very dear friend to my momma and my mom's heart is super sad tonight! They were trouble (the good kind)when together for sure but always laughing and joking. Linda was always a ray of sunshine and had the biggest heart!!* ”

Dayna Rhyne Allen - December 26, 2024 at 06:33 PM

KC

Miss Linda sure was an inspiration in my life. I had the privilege of no one hurt for 27 years. Never met a woman who cared for other people more than her own self! She has many crowns waiting. Sure is going to be missed tremendously. Can't wait to see her again. And that day is coming. Praise the Lord.

Kevin Clanton. - May 13, 2025 at 11:52 AM



“ 18 files added to the tribute wall



Kiersten Farguson - December 26, 2024 at 06:21 PM

JK

“ Linda was so kind to anyone and everyone and we will miss her everyday as it should be with someone you love. She is where she wanted to be with God, family and friends. Love ya sis❤️

joe karnes - December 26, 2024 at 05:51 PM

MB

“ Midge Blue lit a candle in memory of Linda Arnett



Midge Blue - December 26, 2024 at 05:43 PM

SE

“ *Amazing teacher and had such a profound impact on so many of us. She will forever be missed.*



Sparky E. - December 26, 2024 at 04:56 PM

MC

“ *Linda was such a sweet person! She will forever be missed!*



Myra Cookson - December 26, 2024 at 04:23 PM

CH

“ *Such a sweet, witty, kindest lady I ever met. She lit up the world for lots of students of mine. You will be missed but never forgotten. Till we meet again sweet lady.*
Carla Holuby



Carla Holuby - December 26, 2024 at 04:18 PM

JA

“ *Janell Arndt lit a candle in memory of Linda Arnett*



Janell Arndt - December 26, 2024 at 03:02 PM

LA

“ So very sad to hear this. She was one of the best teachers I had very few left an impact and hers is still talked about with my own children. She will be very missed

Lacey - December 26, 2024 at 02:13 PM

HH

“ Helen (Rogers) Haynes lit a candle in memory of Linda Arnett



Helen (Rogers) Haynes - December 25, 2024 at 04:53 PM