



Mary Janice Baxter

March 6, 1937 - October 22, 2025

Mary Janice Baxter, 88, of Muskogee, Oklahoma, passed away on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, in Muskogee with her family by her side. She was born on March 6, 1937, in Oakdale, California, to Nelson and Gladys (Sansing) Roberts.

On June 1, 1956, Janice married her best friend, Jerry Baxter, in Wetumka, Oklahoma. Their marriage spanned over 69 years and was marked by deep companionship and shared adventures. As Jerry pursued a career with the VA Hospital system, Janice embraced the life of a homemaker—a role she treasured—while they moved across several states including Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Louisiana, North Carolina, and Texas. In each place they called home, Janice formed lasting friendships and brought warmth to those around her.

Janice was an avid bowler for many years and enjoyed playing golf in earlier times. She loved traveling to Professional Bull Riders (PBR) events and was an enthusiastic basketball fan. Above all else, she cherished time spent visiting with family and friends—whether gathered together or connecting online.

Janice leaves behind a legacy of unconditional love that touched all who knew her. She will be dearly missed by those whose lives she brightened with her presence.

Janice is now reunited with her parents; her brother, Jerry Don Roberts; and her daughter, Twyla Raye Baxter.

Those left behind to cherish Janice's memory are her loving husband of 69 years, Jerry Baxter of the home; sons, Rod Baxter and wife Susie of Beebe, Arkansas and Russ Baxter and wife Lisa of Park City, Kansas; grandsons, Greg Davlin of Searcy, Arkansas, Thomas Davlin and wife Amy of Heber Springs, Arkansas, Brett Baxter and wife Kristin of Manhattan, Kansas, and Bryan Baxter of Park City, Kansas; great grandchildren, Steph, Megan, Marissa, Presley, Mac, Navy, Oakley, Walker, and Breckan; great-great grandchildren, Kensleigh and Madelyn; sister-in-law, Betty Roberts of Lakewood, Colorado; extended family; and many friends.

Visitation with the family receiving friends will be 5PM-7PM, Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Muskogee. A celebration of Janice's life will be 10AM, Thursday, October 30, 2025, at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel in Muskogee with Brother Ron Dean officiating. Brett Baxter, Bryan Baxter, Greg Davlin, Thomas Davlin, Mac Davlin, and Shawn Stokes will serve as casket bearers. Committal prayers and interment will follow at 2:30PM in Wetumka Cemetery in Wetumka, Oklahoma.

The family of Mary Janice Baxter has entrusted her care, service, and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Crematory, 1020 West Okmulgee, Muskogee. 918-910-8883.

Online condolences may be left for the Baxter family at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Wetumka Cemetery

Memorial Drive
Wetumka , OK 74883

Previous Events

Visitation with Family to Greet Friends

OCT **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Celebration of Life

OCT **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Crematory Chapel
1020 W Okmulgee
Muskogee, OK 74401

Committal Service

OCT **30**. 2:30 PM (CT)

Wetumka Cemetery
Memorial Dr
Wetumka , OK 74883

Tribute Wall

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“ So Sorry to hear of Janice passing. We were neighbors in DerbyKs. She and I had some good times and lots of talking. Her son Dusty was our boys favorite sitter. I have enjoyed our friendship reconnection on facebook. I'm sure Janice will have everyone laughing where she's gone. May All your memories sustain the famiy during this difficult time.

Linda, Gary, JustinandMatt Holstin - October 25, 2025 at 09:54 PM

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“ It saddens me that you are gone. I loved coming over for coffee and our sometimes-wild discussions. I am glad that I had the opportunity to work on Little Red and for you to get your first trophy at a car show. Rest in peace and Jancie, don't give them too much hell UP there. I will keep tabs on Jerry.

Cris Ford - October 23, 2025 at 10:47 AM

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Words can't describe how heartbroken I am over losing Janice! My nickname for her was "Jannie Poo" my best friend forever! We have been friends with Janice and Jerry for over 40 years ...they have been family to us. We used to dress up for Halloween and go to a party and have so much fun. Jerry and Don were a little more hesitant on the costume part but they put up with us. Janice and I had fun at Rusty's house cruising around in "Little Red", Janice's pride and joy! We had many girl talks and so much laughing that we couldn't stop! I will miss her joking and laughter! She was loved by everyone. My deepest sympathy and prayers 🙏 go out to dear Jerry and family.

Karen Neal - November 03, 2025 at 03:25 PM