



## Mary Elizabeth Bowden

June 14, 1943 - June 6, 2020

Mary Elizabeth (Walters) Bowden, 76, a lifelong resident of Fort Gibson, was born June 14, 1943 in Fort Gibson to Louis and Ethel (Rowan) Walters and entered Heaven's gates on Saturday, June 6, 2020 at her home with her family by her side.

Mary received her formal education in Fort Gibson. She married her best friend, Joe Bowden on September 16, 1963 in Fort Gibson. Mary worked beside her husband in their family owned business. Bowden Pest Control was established in 1966 and is presently owned by her grandson, Lance and wife Lauren who have carried on the Bowden legacy. She was a faithful member of the Oasis Church formerly Grace Ministries in Muskogee and enjoyed upbeat Christian music.

She was preceded in death by her parents, son Ronnie Bowden; great granddaughter, Maven; and a sister, Sharon Corser.

Mary is survived by her husband, Joe of the home; daughter, Helen Soto; grandchildren, Bethany Russell, Lance Bowden, Jennifer Voyles, Santo Soto III, Cecelia Soto and Katelyn Jochims; 12 great grandchildren; one sister and two brothers.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at [www.act.alz.org](http://www.act.alz.org) in Mary's name.

A visitation will be held 5PM-7PM Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at the Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson.

Graveside services for Mary will be 10:30AM Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at

the Citizens Cemetery Pavilion in Fort Gibson with Pastor Rodney Mattox officiating.

We would like to extend our special thanks to Emerald Hospice for their help and outstanding care for Mary.

The family of Mary Elizabeth Bowden has entrusted her care services and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555.

Online condolences may be left at [clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com](http://clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Citizens Cemetery

Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Previous Events

## Family Visitation

JUN **9**. 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

## Graveside Service

JUN **10**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Citizens Cemetery  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Elizabeth Bowden*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *Eunice Brown lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Bowden*



**Eunice Brown** - June 11, 2020 at 07:46 AM



“ *It is my hope that Joe and family can know many of us are now sharing in and sending out many heartfelt loving thoughts of their beloved Mary. Being a longtime neighbor on Cemetery Road, I know my mother Belle Cahoon would have wanted to share how she so enjoyed having the Bowdens nearby. She mentioned that both Joe and Mary never missed an opportunity to chat or wave as they passed her home. Mary would often walk by and take time to stop and say hello if she saw Belle outdoors. It always gave mom a warm feeling knowing Mary and Joe were not far away. She knew they were the type of neighbors always available for support, if ever needed. Their kindness was readily available and enjoyed throughout the years. Now I wish to send an abundance of kind and loving thoughts to Mary's family as they endure difficult times ahead without her. May the years of lovely moments treasured with her be of some comfort now. With love, Carolyn Cahoon Watts*

**Carolyn Watts** - June 10, 2020 at 02:07 PM



“ Joe, I just found out that Mary has passed away. I just want to tell you how sorry I am to hear of your loss. Yolonda and I will keep you in our prayers as you go through this period of time in your life. We are so sorry to hear about Mary. We will keep your family in our prayers daily.

*Jim and Yolonda Killebrew*

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June 09, 2020 at 07:56 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time!!! Mary was such a sweet person and friend and always met me with a smile. I have special memories growing up around her. Mary will be missed! Jeanine Craig west

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**Jeanine West** - June 09, 2020 at 04:43 PM



“ Mary was my classmate and a very sweet person. We walked to Junior high school together at Ft. Gibson. My sincere condolences to her family, I know she was loved and will be missed. Carol Bailey, Wortman

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**Carol Wortman** - June 08, 2020 at 07:26 PM



“ Mary was a sweet and kind woman. I am so sorry for your loss. She will be truly missed. 🙏 Laura Washington (Franklin)

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**Laura Washington** - June 08, 2020 at 07:15 AM