



Okla Odessa Walters

August 6, 1931 - January 14, 2018

Okla Odessa (Martin) Walters was born on August 6, 1931 in Braggs, Oklahoma to Paul & May (Hornback) Martin and passed on to her heavenly home on Sunday, January 14, 2018 surrounded by her family. The oldest of nine children, Okla was raised in the Fort Gibson area. On December 15, 1949 she married Loyd Walters and spent the next 37 years raising their family in the Fort Gibson area as well as several moves to the farming country in California.

Okla worked for Fort Gibson Public schools in the cafeteria as a cook and later as a custodian at the Elementary South where all of the kids and teachers alike referred to her as Ms. Okla until her retirement in 1994. She then began a 20 year service as an election worker for the Muskogee County Election Board.

Okla was charter member of Calvary Faith Church in Fort Gibson from the age of 14 where she could be found every Sunday morning, evening and Wednesday night, only missing if she was on one of her trips to Branson. She was a Sunday school teacher for 30 years. Anyone who needed prayer from her received it!

The greatest joy in her life was her family. Each Sunday after church you could find her along with her children, grandchildren, extended family and whoever else stopped by having Sunday dinner at her home. Her mashed potatoes and chicken & dressing were always a hit! If you went to Granny's house, you knew you would never leave hungry! She always made sure to

attend every graduation, wedding, birthday party, school activity, family reunion or other major events in her kids, grandkids, and family's lives. Okla was preceded in death by her husband of 37 years Loyd Walters, her parents Paul & May Martin, one sister Lenora Mendell, two sons in law, Jimmy Cook & Leonard Woods, and her grand dogs that she would dog sit, Angel & Lil' Bit.

Left to cherish her memory are her children Etta (Jim) Raley, Fran Woods, Paul Walters, & Virgil (Pam) Walters, all of Fort Gibson. Her grandchildren Torrie (Chip) Sellers, Tracy (Jayme) Cook, Terry (Melissa) Cook, Levi Sims, Josh(Danielle) Rinehart, Eric (Tabby) Walters, great grandchildren Michael (Amanda) Perry, Grant (Heather) Perry, Amy Cook, Emily Sellers, Alyson Cook, Keely Bass, Bailey Walters, Ashton Walters, & Aiden Cook. Great great grandchildren Abigail Perry, Preston Perry, & Gabriel Perry. Two Brothers Dewain (Nancy) Martin & Wesley (Pam) Martin, five sisters Elva Worley, Patsy Dixon, Lavada Jennings, Mary Sue Speer, & Janie (Gene) Brown.

A visitation will be held Tuesday, January 16, 2018 with the family receiving friends 5PM-7PM at the Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson.

Funeral services for Okla will be held 10:00AM Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at Trinity Family Worship (Old Calvary Faith Church) in Fort Gibson, Oklahoma with the Reverend Fred Huffman & Billy Rains officiating.

Committal prayers and interment will follow at Fort Gibson Citizens Cemetery with her grandsons serving as casket bearers. The family of Okla Odessa Walters has entrusted her care, services and burial to Clifford D. Garrett Family Funeral Home Fort Gibson 918-478-2555.

Online condolences may be left at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Citizens Cemetery

Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Previous Events

Family Visitation

JAN 16. 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

JAN 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Family Worship
500 E Poplar
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Tribute Wall



“ *Okla Odessa Walters*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *James Harris lit a candle in memory of Okla Odessa Walters*



James Harris - June 20, 2021 at 02:14 PM



“ *Gary and Cheryl Walters purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Okla Odessa Walters.*



Gary and Cheryl Walters - January 16, 2018 at 01:16 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Okla Odessa Walters.*

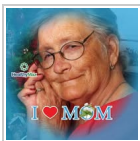


January 15, 2018 at 12:00 PM

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“ I'm really going to miss Okla coming into the beauty shop every Friday morning with a smile on her face. She was so proud of her family and always telling me a story of excitement with at least one of them. I was proud of how her kids spent so much time with her. Virgil, and other family members, making sure she made it to the beauty shop every week and they wld help her in so she wldn't fall. Also, to her dr. apts. The endless trips she was included in with Paul and Fran, whether it was to AR, TX, MO, or just places in OK. She LOVED those trips!! She would talk abt the health problems that Etta Mae was having and would still work no matter how bad she felt. Like driving the VA van to OKC, or mowing yards in the heat. She was so concerned for her and said many a prayers for her. So I want to say thank you to you kids for taking good care of your mother. She loved you guys so much and cherished every Sunday with all of her kids, grandkids, great grandkids, AND great-great-grandkids!! RIP Okla.

Sue Maplethorpe - January 14, 2018 at 09:52 PM



“ Okla and Loyd have been in my life ever since I was born she has taught me and loved my family we will miss her terribly but so glad of her heavenly ascent sorry I wont be able to make the visitation or services but our prayers are with you all.

Tywillia Railey - January 14, 2018 at 09:48 PM