



## Ruby Almeda Tarbutton

August 16, 1923 - July 24, 2021

Ruby Almeda Tarbutton was born in Fort Gibson, Oklahoma to Ernest and Alma O'Dell on August 16, 1923. She passed from this life on July 24, 2021 in Fort Gibson. Ruby was preceded in death by her father Ernest O'Dell, her mother Alma O'Dell, her husband Ray Pierce, her husband John Tarbutton, her sisters, Pearl Mounts, and Opal Gustus.

She is survived by her sister, Diamond Franklin of Fort Gibson and numerous nephews, nieces, great nephews, and great nieces.

Ruby was a member of The First Presbyterian Church of Fort Gibson, Oklahoma. Ruby graduated from Fort Gibson High School in 1942.

She worked as an accountant and bookkeeper for several retail businesses and retired from Kmart in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Ruby loved to sing and traveled throughout Oklahoma, Alabama, Arkansas, and Tennessee with her sisters Pearl and Opal singing gospel songs.

Ruby loved creating interesting desserts and dishes. She lovingly shared those recipes with family members and friends. Those desserts and dishes are being carried on today.

Ruby was an outstanding gamer. She excelled in bingo, dominos, and casino games. She could win in many situations and kept us all surprised with how good she was.

Ruby lived a great life and shared so many experiences with all of us. We are her children. We celebrated life, holidays, birthdays, dinner dates, and anything else we could come up with. She was loving and helpful to all of us

and will be greatly missed. Through our faith we will see her again.

A visitation is scheduled for Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home with family receiving friends 5PM-7PM.

Ruby's celebration of life will be held 10AM Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at the First Presbyterian Church in Fort Gibson with her Nephew Ernie Franklin and Reverend Bill Bailey officiating.

Committal prayers and interment will follow at noon in the Fort Gibson National Cemetery with Ernie Franklin, Robbie Franklin, Nathan Franklin, Joe Paul Mounts, Ron McNear and Joe Cookson serving as casket bearers.

The family of Ruby Almeda Tarbutton has entrusted her care, services 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)

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions in Ruby's name to the First Presbyterian Church, PO BOX 1563, Fort Gibson, Oklahoma 74434.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Previous Events

## Family Visitation

JUL 27. 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

JUL 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
228 N Lee  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

## Committal Service

JUL 28. 12:00 PM (CT)

Fort Gibson National Cemetery  
1423 Cemetery Road  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434



# Tribute Wall

BS

“ I was Ruby’s Physical Therapist when she received Home Health. I had established her plan of care for someone else to see her but she insisted I be her therapist. We had many wonderful visits including me on the piano and her on the organ.... That was therapeutic ! And we did her physical therapy as well! She was a lovely person and I thoroughly enjoyed my visits. I even brought her a pie on a couple of occasions. I have thought of her often and decided to attempt to see if she might still be living in FTG as I knew she would be nearing 100. Her birthday stuck in my mind. I celebrate her to her forever home but was saddened I could not let her know she had stayed in my fondest memories of home health. She is not really gone... she is simply gone from our sight. We will join her for eternity to sing praises to Jesus. I look forward to my reunion with Ruby in heaven. She loved her family fiercely and was so proud of each of you. Her faith became sight and we will join her there. Keep her memory alive.  
*Bobby Stone, Fort Smith, AR (Home Health PT)*

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**Bobby Stone** - July 03, 2023 at 11:28 PM



“ *Ruby Almeda Tarbutton*

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January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM

CW

“ When thinking of Ruby, I smile in remembrance of such a resilient, fiercely independent, hard-working and deeply committed lady. She was born with this strength among many others within the greatest generation she represented for almost a century. Like so many of the old and small town families of FTG past, she “seemed “ to be related to most of us and like an aunt to many of us. I always enjoyed time visiting with her and John in their home, at church or around town. Hearing my mom sharing stories of the old days with them will continue to be a delightful memory for me. I would have loved being able to hear her singing those old beloved gospel songs with her sisters and father in those early years but remember well her beautiful and energetic voice and piano playing in the later ones. Capable, confident, competent and caring, she thrived into her very long life surrounded by many friends and family who treasured her companionship, cooking and fun loving spirit. Wishing all who knew her many moments to smile remembering this oldest and remarkable “gem” of her family. Heartfelt sympathies to all,  
Carolyn Cahoon Watts

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**Carolyn Watts** - July 28, 2021 at 08:37 AM

EB

“ Eunice Brown lit a candle in memory of Ruby  
Almeda Tarbutton



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**Eunice Brown** - July 27, 2021 at 04:52 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Clifford Garrett** - July 26, 2021 at 01:02 PM

GD

*So sorry for your loss she  
was a wonderful lady  
Sorry I couldn't be there  
Love u Mrs Diamond*

*Brenda Sides*

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**Good friend of Ruby and Diamond** - July 28, 2021 at 01:47 AM