



## Teresa Sue Parnell

September 8, 1945 - March 13, 2024

Teresa Sue Parnell, 78, of Muskogee was born September 8, 1945 in Muskogee to Earnest and Frances (Boyd) Sandwell and peacefully passed away Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at her home with her loving family by her bedside.

She was a lifelong resident of Muskogee, receiving her education at Muskogee Public Schools. She then received her master's degree in education where she was an Elementary School Teacher for the Muskogee Public Schools for 38 years, retiring in 2010. Teresa was a member of Eastside Church of Christ and was past Treasurer for the Muskogee Education Foundation.

Teresa's greatest enjoyments were teaching children to read, keeping score at her grandkids sporting events, watching her grandkids play sports, watching Thunder Basketball, OU Sports, and hanging out with her family. She will be dearly missed by all that knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Earnest and Frances Sandwell; sisters, Delores Davis, Peggy Eversole and her husband, Max, and Bitty Yager; mother-in-law, Mary Parnell and father-in-law, Jake Parnell.

Teresa is lovingly survived by her son, James Parnell and wife, Melissa of Fort Gibson; daughter, Francie Rowland and husband, Pat of Muskogee; grandsons, Cale Parnell and wife, Paige of Broken Arrow, Cy Rowland and wife, Jayden of Checotah; granddaughters, Kirby Parnell of Honolulu, Shaylee Rowland and Gabe Gilbert of Muskogee; great-granddaughter, Olivia Parnell of Broken Arrow; great grandson, Rucks Rowland of Checotah; lifelong friends, Dr Gill and Nancy Graham and Jimmy Dale and Vickie Tracy of Muskogee; extended family and many friends.

A celebration of Teresa's life will be 10AM Monday, March 18, 2024 at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel in Muskogee with Chaplain Lisa Sowers officiating.

Committal prayers and interment will follow at Greenhill Cemetery, with James Parnell, Pat Rowland, Cale Parnell, Gabe Gilbert, Cy Rowland and Todd Rolland serving as casket bearers. Jimmy Dale Tracy and Gill Graham will serve as honorary casket bearers.

The family of Teresa Sue Parnell has entrusted her care, service, and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Muskogee. 918-910-8883. Online condolences may be left for the Parnell family at [cliffordgarrettfamilyfh.com](http://cliffordgarrettfamilyfh.com)



# Cemetery Details

## Greenhill Cemetery

1500 N York  
Muskogee, OK 74434

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

KB

“ Teresa was a sweet lady and will be missed. My condolences to her family.  
Kassie Burwell

Kathryn Burwell - March 18, 2024 at 06:39 PM

KH

“ Thinking of you and your families!  
Kim Hammer



Kim Hammer - March 17, 2024 at 11:18 PM

LC

“ Love you, Vann and Cyndi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Teresa Sue Parnell.

Love you, Vann and Cyndi - March 16, 2024 at 11:45 AM

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“ Love you, Vann and Cyndi purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Teresa Sue Parnell.



Love you, Vann and Cyndi - March 16, 2024 at 11:45 AM

VS

“ Vicky Smith lit a candle in memory of Teresa Parnell



Vicky Smith - March 15, 2024 at 02:13 PM

GW

Teresa was an awesome person. She did her internship with me at Houston school. I worked in MEA with her also. My sincere condolences hugs and prayers

gaylon wade - March 15, 2024 at 05:28 PM

PG

“ Pennie Green lit a candle in memory of Teresa Parnell



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**Pennie Woodall Green** - March 15, 2024 at 11:05 AM

KR

“ I remember Mrs. Parnell from Green Country Girls Softball Days, and she was so nice, and was always there to support her daughter. We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Fred, Linda, Kim, Kristen, and Bubba Kiser.

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**Kim Robertson** - March 15, 2024 at 09:51 AM