



## Terrence "Terri" K. Yandell

October 18, 1949 - December 15, 2021

Terrence Kazara (Simmons) Yandell, 72, of Tahlequah, OK was born October 18, 1949, in Dumas, TX to Charles and Pauline (Williams) Simmons and peacefully passed away Wednesday, December 15, 2021, at her home with her loving family by her side.

She lived in Riverside, CA; Braggs, OK; and made Fort Gibson her home for the last 36 years. Terri received her formal education in Fort Gibson, graduating with the Class of 1968.

She met and later married the love of her life, Cleo Yandell, on November 28, 1968, at the Fort Gibson Church of Christ. Together, they spent 53 years and 17 days making precious memories.

Terri worked as a fork truck operator for Acme Engineering and retired in 2005.

She was an avid reader, and her favorite writer being Stephen King. Terri loved anything to do with nature. She loved hiking, fishing, and having her dogs by her side. Crocheting was a thing she would do during football season. Terri learned the game, then cheered for "Da Bears". She is loved by many and will be missed by even more.

Terri is lovingly survived by her husband, Cleo of the home; sons, Johnny Yandell of Tahlequah, OK and Jake Yandell and wife Debbie of Tahlequah, OK; daughter, Cindy Peterson and husband Tom of Fort Gibson, OK; grandsons, Zach Peterson of Tulsa, OK; Broc Peterson and wife Cheyanne of Idabel, OK; and Coby Yandell of Tahlequah, OK; granddaughters, Kimarie

Peterson of Stillwater, OK and Cayenne Yandell of Tahlequah, OK; a great-grandson, Calvin Peterson of Idabel, OK; brothers, Charles Simmons and wife Robin of Terry, MS; Anthony Simmons and wife Julie of Coweta, OK; Michael Simmons and wife Mary of Haskell, OK; sisters, Debra Turney and husband Ed of Braggs, OK and Della Baumann and wife LaRae of Rock Hill, SC; and her four-legged best friend, Wally; extended family and many friends.

A family conducted celebration of Terri's life will be held 1PM, Monday, December 20, 2021, at the Fort Gibson First United Methodist Church with Chaplain Bob Hancock officiating.

The family of Terrence Kazara Yandell has entrusted her care and cremation 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)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

DEC **20**. 1:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church Fort Gibson  
302 Beauregard St  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Tribute Wall



“ Terrence "Terri" K. Yandell

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *Its not too long that I started talking to 'grandma' as I called her. She was very sweet and ready to go home. What an assurance we have when we have run the race and finished our course in life- knowing that the Lord is waiting for us with open arms on the other side. Grandma had firm peaceful calmness in her voice, confident of her savior. In my last few months talking to her, I have learnt to never loose sight of Christ amidst our troubles. Stay encouraged family and friends.*



Grace Okello - December 19, 2021 at 10:32 AM



*Thank you so much Grace! She was honored to have you as a bonus granddaughter. She loved you because of Kimarie's love for you. Thank you for giving her some peace of mind❤️*

Cindy Peterson - December 21, 2021 at 07:21 AM



“ *Richard and Sheryle Garner purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Terrence "Terri" K. Yandell.*



Richard and Sheryle Garner - December 18, 2021 at 10:28 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Terrence "Terri" K. Yandell.*



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December 18, 2021 at 09:40 AM



“ *Midge Blue lit a candle in memory of Terrence "Terri" K. Yandell*



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**Midge Blue** - December 17, 2021 at 12:29 AM



“ *Aunt terri is the sweetest most caring person you could ever meet i love you very much*

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**Vicki glass** - December 16, 2021 at 05:22 PM



“ *Stephanie Keeton lit a candle in memory of Terrence "Terri" K. Yandell*



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**Stephanie Keeton** - December 16, 2021 at 05:21 PM