



## Winifred Lois (Sawyer) Donahue

February 15, 1919 - July 20, 2017

Winifred Lois (Sawyer) Donahue was born February 15, 1919 near McCurtain, Oklahoma to Robert and Lavada (Shepherd) Sawyer and peacefully passed away, Thursday, July 20, 2017, in Muskogee with her family by her side.

After finishing high school at the age of 16, she attended Connors College followed by NSU earning a BA in education. She taught for 40 years at various schools retiring from Fort Gibson Schools in 1982.

On November 5, 1938, she married the love of her life Leo Donahue, and this marriage lasted 55 years. To this union two children were born, Patricia and Michael.

She was preceded in death by her husband; Leo Donahue; her parents; brothers, Robert, Raymond, Woodrow, Theodore, Chris, Tom, Jerry and Gene Sawyer; sisters, Dove Bartmess, Izetta Harp, Matt Bradfield, Margarite Sawyer and JoAnne Sawyer.

She is survived by her daughter; Patricia Donahue; son, Michael and wife Regina Donahue; grandson, Damon Donahue; granddaughter, Sarah Doak and husband Gary; great-grandchildren, Dylan, Landon and Parker Donahue, Hayden, Creed and Karsyn Doak; sister in law, Myrlene Donahue and many nieces, nephews who called, corresponded and relied on advice, and encouragement from Aunt Winnie.

Visitation will be Monday July 24, 2017 with the family receiving friends from 5:00PM to 7:00PM, at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson, OK.

A Celebration of Winifred's life will be held 9:30AM Tuesday July 25, 2017 at Citizens Cemetery Pavilion, Fort Gibson with Damon Donahue, Dylan Donahue, Landon Donahue, Gary Doak Jr, Bob Watts, Joe Bowden and Creed Doak serving as Honorary Casket bearers.

The family of Winifred Lois Donahue has entrusted her care, service and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service Fort Gibson, Oklahoma (918) 478-2555

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

# Cemetery Details

## Citizens Cemetery

Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **24.** 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 **25.** 9:30 AM (CT)

Citizens Cemetery  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Tribute Wall



“ *Winifred Lois (Sawyer) Donahue*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *What a sweet wonderful lady. She was my first grade teacher as well as half of Fort Gibson I do believe and what an honor it is to me to be counted as one of the students that she poured herself into. Prayers for your Family.*

**Dayna Allen** - July 27, 2017 at 01:14 PM



“ *Eunice Brown lit a candle in memory of Winifred Lois (Sawyer) Donahue*



**Eunice Brown** - July 24, 2017 at 03:59 PM



*She made first grade a great learning experience. My kids loved her. When I lost my books in our fire she gave me one to start my library and it worked, now I have hundreds.*

**Eunice Brown** - July 24, 2017 at 04:03 PM

DB

“ Donna and Charles Bradley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Winifred Lois (Sawyer) Donahue.



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**Donna and Charles Bradley** - July 24, 2017 at 01:12 PM



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**Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home** - July 24, 2017 at 08:28 AM

MN

“ I am very sad too hear of Mrs. Donahues passing! What a wonderful lady she was! Mrs. Donahue was my first grade teacher at Fort Gibson and many years later was one of my first patients when I opened my dental practice. I always looked forward to seeing her when she came in for her appointments and she always told me she was responsible for my success since she had been my teacher. She was a great person who I always respected a great deal and I will miss her very much! My prayers are with Mike, Regina and all the family! Sincerely, Mike Nelson

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**Mike Nelson** - July 23, 2017 at 10:05 PM

PI

“ Mrs. Donahue was my Intern Teacher at Ft. Gibson Schools. She taught First Grade. She was so kind to everyone. She had a sweet personality. I feel very fortunate to have learned from her. I think I learned from one of the "Best" teachers ever. I taught First Grade in Muskogee Schools many years before I moved to upper grades. Some of my best times and best memories were in First Grade classrooms. Please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of this lovely lady.

Pat Isbell - July 23, 2017 at 06:02 PM

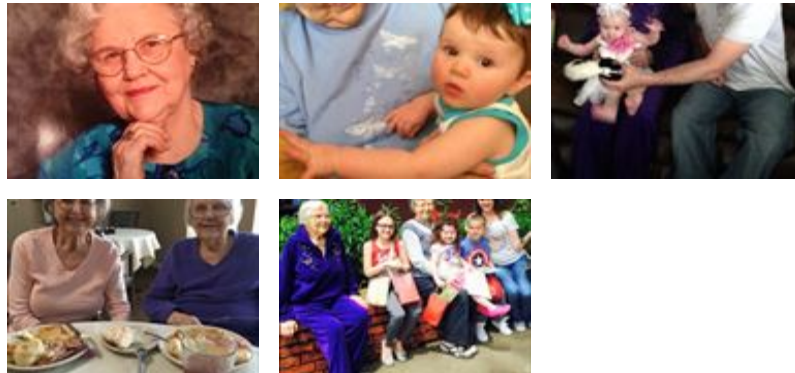
TB

“ You have our sympathy, Mike. Thomas and Ingrid

Thomas Bauer - July 23, 2017 at 02:53 PM



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Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home - July 23, 2017 at 02:10 PM



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Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home - July 23, 2017 at 01:26 PM

MS

“ *she was one of the kindest people i ever knew and i was very grateful to know her and her family mike sawyer*

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**mike sawyer** - July 23, 2017 at 12:27 PM

RD

*She loved you, too.*

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**Regina Donahue** - July 30, 2017 at 09:50 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Winifred Lois (Sawyer) Donahue.*



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July 21, 2017 at 10:14 PM