



Arvella Gatlin

June 16, 1948 - July 24, 2024

Arvella Gatlin age 76 of Norman, passed away on July 24, 2025 in Oklahoma City. Arvella Mae Higginbotham was born on June 16, 1948 in Porterville, California to Arvil Haskell Higginbotham and Freddie Mae Higginbotham (Baxley). She grew up in California and graduated from Merced High School with the Grizzly Bear class of 1966. Shortly after graduation, she began working at Castle Air Force Base. She met the love of her life, a young airman from Anadarko, Oklahoma named Jerry Charles Gatlin. They were married in 1967, and called California home until moving to Oklahoma in 1999. Arvella worked as a claims examiner for Esis Insurance until her retirement. When she wasn't working, she loved to sew, knit, crochet, embroider, and quilt. Arvella knit winter hats all year long and donated them to children in need when winter weather rolled around. She could often be found in the kitchen baking with her grandkids, and cooking for her loved ones. She truly found joy in visiting with her family, in person or on the phone, she loved to keep up with the people she cared about. Arvella was always ready to travel and would go anywhere, though she was especially fond of the mountains. She was a beloved wife, mother, and grandma who will be dearly missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arvil and Freddie Mae Higginbotham, her brother Leonard Higginbotham, and her son Jason Gatlin.

Arvella is survived by her husband Jerry Gatlin of Norman. Her son Jeremy

Gatlin and wife Cammie of Norman. Her Siblings Timothy Higginbotham and wife Christine of Copperopolis, California and Shelli Stines of Modesto, California. She also leaves behind her grandchildren Jessica Wood and husband Billy of Crestview, Florida, Kaitlyn Gatlin of Oklahoma City, Annabelle Gatlin of Norman, and one great grandchild- Haisley Wood of Crestview, Florida.

Tribute Wall

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“ Momma,

I walked outside the house today. I saw the light on in your sewing room. Belle sits in there. I half expected to see you there. Each day since you passed I've started to text you or send you a link to something silly. I miss you momma! I miss you so much! A few fun pictures that have been sent by your loving family,



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