



## Gay Ann Van Schuyver

March 29, 1942 - December 13, 2012

Gay Ann (Sparks) Van Schuyver, age 70 of Purcell, passed away Thursday December 13, 2012, at the Norman Regional Hospital. Gay Ann was born March 29, 1942 in Miami, OK. She was the oldest of 2 daughters born to Lawrence Sparks and Elizabeth Nadine (Graff) Sparks. She grew up mainly in Chickasha and attended Chickasha Schools, graduating in 1960. Gay Ann met the love of her life; a young man from Amber, OK named Dwain Allen Van Schuyver. They were married on November 24, 1961 in Amber, OK. Together they raised two daughters, Brenda and Melinda. The family moved many times during the years that Dwain worked in the oil field industry. They lived in Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas and Texas, eventually settling in Purcell in 1979. Gay Ann served as a Girl Scout Leader and a Softball Coach when her girls were young. She enjoyed playing the piano and never missed a chance to go shopping. She was an avid bowler, golfer and loved an occasional trip to the casino in her later years. Gay Ann's greatest joy was being a wife and mother and she took immense pride in being able to care and provide for her family. She was a wonderful wife and loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She was a special sister, aunt and a good friend. She will be dearly missed! She was preceded in death by: Her parents, Nadine McCaslin and Lawrence Sparks Gay Ann leaves behind: Her husband, Dwain Van Schuyver of the home Her daughters, Brenda Morehead and husband Randy of Purcell Melinda Maggia and husband Paul of Purcell Her sister, Linda Ashworth of Safford, AZ 4 grandchildren, Amber Sanders, Ryan Morehead

and wife Julie Zach Maggia and Braiden Maggia 2 great grandchildren, Amy & Andrew Sanders and And a host of other family and friends. Funeral Services are scheduled for 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, December 18, 2012, at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel in Purcell. Burial will follow at the Hillside Cemetery.