



Katricia Jo Cheek

June 12, 1952 - April 6, 2024

Katricia Cheek, age 71, of Purcell passed away peacefully on April 6, 2024. Katricia Jo Cheek was born on June 12, 1952 in Hollis, Oklahoma, the youngest of 7 children born to Jesse Samuel Mills and Georgie Virginia (Clary) Myers. She attended Hollis Public Schools and graduated with the Tiger Class of 1970. Shortly after graduating high school, she decided to further her education by attending Southwestern Oklahoma State University. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1974. In August of that same year, Katricia answered the call of service when she joined the United States Army. She served overseas in Augsburg, Germany from 1974 to 1977 as a Teletype Operator using Morse Code. In fact, she was the first woman who was ever entrusted to that position! Katricia served her country honorably, faithfully, and proudly. However, she still valued her education greatly. So, after her time in the Army, she decided to go back to school to obtain her Master's in Education from East Central University. Katricia was a hardworking and determined woman, and she demonstrated these characteristics in everything she did. While starting out her career as a young teacher, she also worked a second job at Wright's In & Out. It was there that she caught the eye of a young man named, Ricky Allan Cheek. The two hit it off quickly and were nearly inseparable. Ricky and Katricia were married on May 7, 1982 at the McClain County Courthouse in Purcell, Oklahoma by Judge Love. They always said they married by love and they remained in love. Katricia worked as a public-school teacher for over 30 years. Throughout

those 30 years, she worked at a number of schools such as, Burns Flat Schools, Lexington Public Schools, Canadian Valley Coop, and Purcell Public Schools where she eventually retired from. And while her and Ricky never had children of their own, Katricia cherished the thousands of children that went through her classrooms over the years. Katricia truly loved them all like her own! In her free time, she enjoyed doing anything outdoors, whether it be camping, hunting, or fishing. Katricia and Ricky made very fond memories doing all of those together. Katricia was a determined, kind, caring, and loving woman known for her beautiful smile. She truly was one of a kind, and she will be dearly missed!

She was preceded in death by: her parents, Jesse Mills and Georgie Myers; sisters, Dorothy Jean West, Francis Onabell Smith, and infant sister, Paula Jay Mills; brothers, Billy Ray Mills and Walter Virgil Mills.

Katricia is survived by: her best friend, partner, and husband, Ricky Cheek of the home; sister, Phyllis Hammon and husband Don of Mustang, numerous nieces and nephews, and a host of other family and friends.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled for 10:00 A.M. Friday, April 12, 2024 at Little's Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that you make donations to the Cancer Society, Loving Care Hospice, and Landmark Church in Purcell. www.wilsonlittle.com

Tribute Wall

CE

“ you will be missed dearly. you where one of my best teachers of the past.

cage ellison - September 25, 2024 at 11:31 AM

KM

“ I am so sorry to see this. Tricia and I parted many years ago but I have always held her in my heart. God bless you, Trish. You were special.



Ken Manley - May 29, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Mrs. Cheek was my sons 4th grade teacher. She was without a doubt the very best teacher he had. Her enthusiasm was infectious and she gave my boy Clint a love of learning. He compared every teacher after her, to her and none measured up. Her legacy of teaching is a Godsend. I hope other young people are inspired by her to take up the task of excellent educators. Thank you Mrs. Cheek for an excellent life!!



Kristine Glover - April 15, 2024 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *Such a very special lady. One of the best teachers I had when I was in school. She had a way to always make you feel like you were noticed and special in her eyes. I was blessed to have know her. Sending my condolences and prayers to her family.*



Brooke Wilk - April 15, 2024 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *Rick i am so sorry and send my condolences Trish was a wonderful lady she was one of my first friends when i moved to Purcell all the good times we had working together she well be greatly missed she love you and her students with her whole heart*

Crista ROBERTSIN - April 15, 2024 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Aunt Katricia was indeed a very special person to many, and very much so to Andrea and I prior to and well after her brother, my fathers passing. Her faith was always foremost in her conversation and uplifted us all when needed the most. I will miss our conversations and texts and lift you up Uncle Ricky in prayer and love always.*

David and Andrea Mills

David Mills - April 12, 2024 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Aunt Katrcia definitely put the true meaning into being the "COOL" Aunt. My wish is to continue following her lead, and be a good role model to others as she was to me. This is not good bye, only see you later. Love u always.



Randy and Dawn - April 11, 2024 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Best Aunt in the whole world. She had the most infectious smile ever, I can see it now. Aunt Katricia you will be missed so very much. This is not good bye, Only see ya later. Fly high our angel! Till we meet again❤️❤️❤️. Love u soooo much.



Randy and Dawn Smith - April 11, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ We cherished memories of Mrs. Cheek and 4th grade. She was always a bright light and had the best laugh. We are so sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family.

Jana Gordon - April 09, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I taught with Katricia at both Lexington and Purcell. She was a wonderful woman and such a great teacher. I am so sorry for you loss.

Karla Shackelford - April 08, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *Katricia was my square dancing partner at SWOSU when she was a freshman and I was a senior. We all had a fun time in Dr. Van Horns classes*



jim keith - April 08, 2024 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ *I helped take care of Katricia's mother and I got the pleasure of meeting and growing to love her and Phyllis. My prayers are with Rick and the family.*

Parker Karen - April 08, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Mrs. Check was a great teacher. she not only was a good teacher but a good friend.*

Marie Drivere (Wells) - April 08, 2024 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Rick and his family. I worked with Rick back in the 80's and remember when he an Trish got married. My love and sincere condolences to you all.*
Agnes wells

Agnes wells - April 08, 2024 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ I am deeply sorry for your loss, My thoughts and prayers go out to her family. She was a wonderful person and cousin.



Stephanie Diane Oliphant - April 08, 2024 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Blessed to have had her in my life, as my Godparent, my 5th grade teacher, and life long loved one. Her heart was just as big as her smile! My most sincere condolences to everyone in this season.



Chasie Colburn(Shea) - April 08, 2024 at 12:00 AM