



Mary Anita Cross

July 23, 1951 - March 2, 2025

Mary Anita Cross, age 73, of Norman passed away on March 2, 2025. She was born on July 23, 1951, in Purcell, Oklahoma, the fourth of five children born to Willie B. Long Jr. and Bertha Lee Long. She was raised in Purcell, where she attended school up until the 10th grade. During this time, Mary met Daniel (Danny) C. Cross. The two quickly fell in love and were married September 29, 1967, and remained married until his death in January 2021. Together, they established their home in Norman and had two children, Scott and Rachel. Mary enjoyed reading and watching soap operas. She also enjoyed completing crossword puzzles and word searches and found great purpose and pride in serving. Together, Mary and Danny enjoyed traveling and had visited most of the United States and many National Parks. She will be missed.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents: Willie and Bertha Long; brother, Thomas (Tommy) Long, and husband, Danny Cross.

She is survived by: son, Scott Cross; daughter, Rachel Meyer and husband Curtis Raney; three grandchildren and their spouses; three step grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, all of Norman; one brother, Willie Long III and wife Dorris of Norman; sister, Ida Jones of Norman; sister Rebecca Cloud and husband Howard of Purcell; and numerous nieces, nephews, and in-laws.

A private family memorial will be held at a later date.