



Patsy Ann McMahan

March 17, 1939 - January 8, 2025

Patsy Ann (Griffith) McMahan was born March 17, 1939 in Okla City to William Richard, W.R., “Preach” Griffith and Juanita (Chastain) Griffith. She went to be with her Lord & Savior on January 8, 2025 at her home in Newcastle at the age of 85.

Pat grew up in Newcastle and attended Newcastle Schools where she achieved perfect attendance all 12 years. While in school she was involved in 4H and played basketball for the Lady Racers and her favorite coach, Otho “Sweetpea” Curtis. She graduated from Newcastle High School class of 1956. After graduation Pat attended business school for 2 years and then began working for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in the Treasury Dept until their first daughter was born. When Pat was in 8th grade she asked Orvis McMahan to a picnic & they became a couple. They were married June 20, 1958 at the Newcastle First Baptist Church. In 1962 Orvis’s job moved them to Duncan for 6 months & then to Holdenville. In 1965 the family moved to Anadarko where they made their home until 1982. While in Anadarko Pat was actively involved with her daughters & their activities. She was band parent president, a Camp Fire Leader seeing several of the girls through to getting their Wo He Lo Medalion. She also loved attending Warrior football and basketball games. Pat was a member of the Delphian Club & the First Baptist Church where she was in charge of the Keenagers, funeral dinners& taught vacation bible school.

In 1982, after the death of her father, Pat & Orvis , along with Kathy moved to Newcastle to take over the farming operation. She quickly became involved at the Newcastle First Baptist Church where she sang in the choir , was a member of the handbell choir, planned & served funeral dinners & hospitality events, worked with Jolly Elders planning monthly meetings & trips. She was a Red Hatter & for many years was in charge of the Newcastle Relay for Life. She was a cancer survivor & found great satisfaction working with this event. Pat was named the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year in 2020 & selected as Grand Marshal for the Homecoming Parade in 2015. Over the past several months she enjoyed eating and visiting with friends at the Newcastle Sr. Citizens.

Pat had the heart of a servant serving her Lord, her family and others. She loved to cook and was always feeding someone. She had a gift for hospitality & a love for people.

She was preceded in death by:

Her parents: Preach & Juanita Griffith

Grandparents: Grant & Gracie Griffith, Ed & Leola Chastain

Brother & sister in laws,: David & Patricia McMahan, Martyne Noland, Jim McMahan

She is survived by:

Husband of 66 ½ years: Orvis

3 Daughters: Gale Wilson & husband Tim of Goldsby

Elizabeth Melton & husband Dr. Jim Melton of Okla City

Kathy Black & husband Corey of Newcastle

7 Grandchildren:

Taylor Thurmond & husband Nick of Dallas, Tx

Dr. Kale Melton & wife Jenny of Tuttle

McKenzie Melton & fiancé Karl Francel of Okla City

Morgan Fene & husband Dr Evan Fene of Denver, CO

Collin Black & wife Bayleygh of Newcastle

Abigail Lyman & husband CWO2 Richard Lyman V of Twenty Nine Palms, CA

Chloe Black of Newcastle

8 Great Grandchildren:

Oliver & Eleanor Thurmond, Sophie Hierl, Colter Black, Veda Lyman, Beckett, Shepherd, & Sullivan Fene, Charlotte Ann Black will be arriving January 23.

Brother-In-law: Herbert Noland

Sisters-In-Law: Sue McMahan & Jo McMahan

Memorials may be made to Living The Vision, Newcastle First Baptist Church, P.O. BOX 299 Newcastle, Okla. 73065

Visitation will be held 2-5 PM Sunday January 12th, 2025 at Wilson-Little Funeral Home, Newcastle, Okla.

Funeral services will be 2:00 PM Monday, January 13, 2025 at First Baptist Church, Newcastle, Okla. Burial will be at Newcastle Memorial Gardens.

Cemetery Details

Newcastle Memorial Gardens

2345 S. Main Street
Newcastle , OK 73065

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Wilson-Little ~ Tri-City
3132 Tri-City Avenue
Newcastle, OK 73065
(405) 387-2243

Funeral Service

JAN 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church Newcastle
1650 N Main Street
Newcastle, OK 73065

Tribute Wall

PD

“ Orvis was one of the first people I met when I moved to Newcastle in 1999. I met Patsy shortly thereafter, and they are both just delightful people. I know many of the relatives and my heart goes out to the entire family for this huge loss. She will be greatly missed. My condolences.



Patti Maness, DVM - January 13, 2025 at 11:18 AM

DR

“ Sympathy and prayers to all of the Orvis McMahan family in the loss of his sweet wife, Mother of his children and Grandmother to the Grands! Pat always welcomed you with a bright smile and open arms; and, even though was usually a long time between visits, she made you feel as if no time had passed. We will miss you sweet Cousin but know you are at Peace in the Arms of your Lord and Savior. God Speed dear one - until we meet again.

Donna K. (Ritter) Riley - January 12, 2025 at 03:37 PM

JU

“ Citizen of the year in 2020, although I think she was citizen of the year every year due to all she did for others and her family and church

Judith - January 11, 2025 at 03:55 PM

JT

“ Judith Totten sent a virtual gift in memory of Patsy Ann McMahan



Judith Totten - January 11, 2025 at 03:36 PM

JT

“ Prayers for Orvis and family

Pat was a devout Christian and just being around her was a blessing.

It was a privilege to hear her play the piano at church.

Pat was a person who could be counted on for her many talents.

She loved the Iris my mother grew in her front yard, mother gave her large bouquets of the Iris.

Pat would stop by just to check in on mother. I can imagine how many others she would check in on in a few days time.

Pat would go on the Jolly Elder trips, enjoying many different places and helping the seniors on the road trips. She and others helped plan the trips.

To me she seemed like an earth angel due to her love ❤️ kindness and generosity.

Pat had a very happy and joyful way about her. A sweet spirit one could not miss of her.

I am so glad that I knew her.

She will definitely be missed by family members and friends.

I can vision Jesus welcoming her with open arms and saying Well done my faithful child and servant.

Thank you Pat for being my friend and friend to my mother and her family

Sincerely,

Judith Totten

Judith Totten - January 11, 2025 at 03:33 PM

JT

“ *Judith Totten lit a candle in memory of Patsy Ann McMahan*



Judith Totten - January 11, 2025 at 03:00 PM

BR

“ *Love and Prayers!!!*

Bill Reedy - January 11, 2025 at 03:32 AM

PW

“ *Pat and Juanita were some of the first people I met when I became a 6th grade teacher at the elementary school in Newcastle.*

We became best friends almost immediately and they treated me as family.

I shall be forever grateful for them.

The entire family treated me as family.

That was my first experience being in a strange city and a new position.

We became instant friends and have stayed in touch all these 60 or so years.

I will miss her laughter, charm and funny stories. Also, her graciousness and love for family and friends.



Pat (Cooley) Watson - January 10, 2025 at 11:02 PM

DH

“ Orvis, Gayle, Tim and all the family. I am so sorry to hear of Pat's passing. My prayers for God's comfort in the days to come. Love to each of you.

Doris Hawkins-Trew - January 10, 2025 at 05:30 PM