



Rita Deane Conway

June 17, 1935 - December 30, 2020

Rita Conway, age 85 of Purcell, passed away Wednesday, December 30, 2020. Rita Deane James was born June 17, 1935 in Wewoka, OK, 1 of 3 children born to Bill and Pauline James. She was raised primarily in the Gene Autry Community where she attended school, and later attended Oklahoma A & M in Stillwater. Rita married her best friend and life partner, Franklin D. Conway, on June 29, 1956. They first made their home in Madill, until Franklin was drafted into the Army. They lived in El Paso for a short time, before settling in Purcell in 1961. Together they raised three children, son David and daughters, Susan and Deanna. Rita cherished being a wife and mother and worked tirelessly as a homemaker, caring and providing for their every need. She was an excellent seamstress and shared her many talents with her family and friends. Rita was a woman of great faith and longtime member of the First Baptist Church in Purcell. Rita later worked as Secretary for the church, and she greatly enjoyed working there. She was a wonderful mother and grandmother, and a dear friend to many. She will be greatly missed!

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Franklin Conway; her parents, Bill and Pauline James; sister, Billie June Miller and brother, Gordon James. Rita is survived by: her son, David Conway; daughters, Susan Conway of Okla. City and Deanna Korzyniewski and husband Michael of Frisco, TX; granddaughter Katie Shearer and husband Justin of Norman and great granddaughter, Olivia and a host of other family and friends.

Graveside Services are scheduled for 2:00 P.M. Monday, January 4, 2020, at Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery in Ardmore, OK. The family will plan a celebration in the future, where we can share hugs and memories of Rita in her home church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association @ www.alz.org. Send online condolences @ www.wilsonlittle.com.