



Wanda Gifford-Reid

January 26, 1934 - March 25, 2022

Wanda Gifford-Reid, age 88 passed away March 25, 2022 at her residence in Noble, Ok. Wanda Jo Owens was born January 26, 1934, the youngest of 10 children, to Frank and Lucy Owens. She was raised in Noble and attended school there, graduating with the Bears Class of 1952. Wanda married Benton Gene Gifford and together they had 2 children, Benton II and Kassandra. She received her bachelor's degree from Butler University and her Master's degree from the University of Oklahoma. Wanda invested her life working in public education as both a teacher and a school counselor. She had a passion for education and it showed. She began her teaching career in Indiana, with a stop in Mississippi, before returning back home to Oklahoma. She was employed by Moore Public Schools for over 35 years. Later in life, she married R.V. Reid and they enjoyed many adventures together. Wanda could best be described as a "spitfire" due to her fierce independence. She really enjoyed traveling with her family and many friends. She loved antiques and shopping, although it would probably be more accurate to say she was a buyer, and not just a shopper. She had numerous talents and was a gifted musician. Wanda was a devoted mother, wife, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She was one amazing lady and she will be dearly missed. She is preceded in death by; her father and mother, Frank and Lucy Owens; husband, Benton Gene Gifford; husband, R.V. Reid; son, Benton Gene Gifford II, and her siblings Willie Mae Clark, Minnie Cavins, John Owens, James Owens, William Carl Owens, Naomi Chandler Unger, Gladys Blair, Estelle

Davis, and Betty Webb.

She is survived by; her daughter Kassie Guthrie and husband, Jimmy of Noble, Oklahoma, her precious grandchildren, Travis Guthrie, Tiffany Guthrie, Katelynn Gifford and Benton Gifford III; her great grandson, Harrison Reynosa and a host of family and friends.

Funeral Services are scheduled for 10:00 am Friday, April 1st, at the First Baptist Church in Noble. Burial will follow at the Noble I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Send online condolences @ www.wilsonlittle.com.

The family would like for all to wear bright colors to the service in honor of Wanda.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ Dear Kassie, so sorry to know of your mom's passing. Diane Murphy told me thro' your common aunt. I know Wilma is rejoicing in heaven now with Wanda!! Wilma passed in Nov 2020 and I have moved in with Larry in Tulsa, doing very well, but greatly missing my sweetheart. She loved your mom dearly and I still cherish our fun times in Norman. I trust you are doing well and pray God's special comfort to be very real to you and your family. Anticipating the grand reunion in heaven.
Marion S.

MARION L SNOWBARGER - April 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ I never seen or heard aunt Wanda get upset or yell. She would comfort you but she was Stearn but above all I knew she loved me . I miss her smile n hugs.

Tammy jo - April 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ You were never just Wanda to our family. We always called you "Mama Wanda". Always willing to help & had a big smile. You came to the hospital & always brought the best inspiration books for me to read while Bill was in hospital for 5 months. You will be missed by all of us but no more sickness or pain. The Greeson's

Bill & Alice Greeson & Doug - April 01, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ You will be truly missed Aunt Wanda. I often think of the days of visiting Oklahoma and the gatherings of all the gang for a night of down home music 🎵 and lots of love and laughter. Tell my momma hello and kiss uncle and little Benny for me. Love you!

Marlena Barba - March 29, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ I have always loved your entire family! Ms. Wanda was the leader of the pack and her motivation to live life to the fullest was inspiring. She may have been little, but she was mighty and fierce. She loved the Lord and loved everything he created. She didn't know a stranger and she accepted you and loved you like family the moment she met you.
I'll truly miss this amazing God-fearing woman. There's no doubt I'll be seeing her again! My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I know it's hard when a loved one leaves our world, but she's conducting her favorite hymn in heaven now! I love you...prayers for peace. John 14:27

Tina Cooper - March 29, 2022 at 12:00 AM