



Wilma Lolamae Bennett

May 15, 1927 - January 12, 2025

Wilma Lolamae (Qualls) Bennett, age 97, passed away on Sunday, January 12, 2025. Wilma was born on May 15, 1927 in Calumet, Oklahoma, the 3rd of 6 children born to Jesse and Bessie Qualls. She attended school in Lexington and in 1947 she married the love of her life, Jack Bennett. The couple raised 3 children together and shared 65 years of marriage before the passing of Jack in 2012.

Wilma devoted her life to her family. She especially enjoyed baking and cooking for friends and family. She was known within her church and family for her famous "Mississippi Mud Cake" and her chocolate frosting. She was a lady of many talents and enjoyed sharing those talents with others. Wilma loved the holidays and cherished quilting and crocheting afghans for all her loved ones. She loved to paint and her family will treasure her masterpieces. Wilma was an amazing daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She will be dearly missed!

Wilma was preceded in death by her parents, Jesse and Bessie (Ervin) Qualls; her husband, Jack Bennett; her sons, Keith Bennett and Roger Bennett; her sisters, Fae Hunt, Juanita Allen, and Lillian Burkhalter; her brothers, Jack Qualls and Kenneth Qualls.

She is survived by her daughter, Cherie Pope of Oklahoma City; 5 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren, daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Bennett of Denver, CO; and a host of other family and friends.

Funeral services will be 2:00 pm on Friday, January 17, 2025 at Little's Chapel. Burial will follow at Hillside Cemetery. www.wilsonlittle.com

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery

HWY 39 West
Purcell, OK 73080

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

Little's Chapel
127 S. Canadian
Purcell, OK 73080
<http://www.wilsonlittle.com>

Tribute Wall

“ Taking care of my mom, Wilma has been an honor. I understand how tenacity is made from hard work and high standards. She knew so much about working. She hoed her first garden to help pay the family grocery bill along with her sisters, Fae and Juanita , when she was 4 and 1/2 y.o. I learned that the family often camped while moving from cotton field to cotton field as the crops that needed to be picked moved to the north. The children woke up before dawn then returned after sunset to eat supper, sleep, and start again. None of the family complained. World War 2 came and the cotton crops diminished so the older girls went to work at a military laundry on the North base. Wilma was 14, she applied for a social security card stating she was 16. She said she got a new card with her correct birth year when she left that job and was actually 16 years old. The family were hard working and thought it was normal to walk a couple of miles to a road to catch a bus to ride 15 more miles. This was just in the day's work. She said honesty was respected in her home, each of them could leave out money and none of the family would take it. She completed her GED in 1973. She told me she had friends who were still in school while she worked daily and realized they had a broader view of the world. She and Fae, her oldest sister, could cut their own clothing patterns before they cut and sewed the material for an outfit. Later I saw her garden and surround the vegetables with hollyhocks, marigolds and Sunflowers. She took crochet and knitting lessons. She preferred crochet and made afghans for other. She received an oil paint set and took lessons at the Art center in Norman. I think the painting gave her great joy. She quilted to keep her family warm and to express her artful spirit. She valued her independence. In memory care she thought of the day as going to school if there was an art class or going to work. She would say she needed to get a new quilt going. When I visited her before bedtime and she was tired she would say, 'I think I'm going to quit work.' I would agree that she had worked enough years. She would then ask 'BUT what would I do all day?' I enjoyed taking her to the patio to sit in the sun and drink coffee. I'll miss her but prefer to think that Jack has called her to eat dinner with Keith and Roger. Jesus is the

special guest.

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