



## Viva Whomble Edwards

September 7, 1923 - October 5, 2019

Viva Rhea Whomble went to her heavenly home on October 5, 2019. She was born on September 7, 1923 in Hitchita, Oklahoma to Leslie and Lenora Townsend. She graduated from Haskell High School. She married Harold Clifford (Bus) Whomble on May 10, 1941 in Checotah, Oklahoma. They established a home in Okmulgee and raised two children where Bus was employed by Phillips 66. After his death in 1966, she moved to Muskogee where she owned several businesses, Queen Shop and Viva's. In the late 1970s, she moved to the Pryor and Locust Grove area. She established as business owner in Pryor with a women's boutique named Town & Country and a tearoom named Three Sisters Tea Room. After retiring, she lived her remaining years in Pryor.

She was a member of the Episcopal Church. She was an avid reader, loved cooking, and avid sports fan especially basketball.

She is survived by her daughter, Sue Burchfield of Houston, Texas; her daughter-in-law, Cheryl Whomble of Okmulgee; two grandsons, Dirk Moore of Houston, Texas, and Shawn Moore and wife Dana of Okmulgee; two granddaughters, Shannon Whomble Williams and husband Mark of Tulsa and Ashlee Elersic and husband Jason of Houston, Texas; sister Shirley Cole of Brookville, Kansas; five great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband Bus Whomble, son Doug Whomble, parents Leslie and Lenora Townsend, sisters Naomi Thomason and Jean Stewart, and brother Loy Townsend.

The family will be present for a viewing on Friday, October 11th from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at McClendon-Winters Funeral Home at 303 East 7th Street, Okmulgee, OK 74447. A graveside service will follow at the Okmulgee Cemetery at 2:00 pm.

Arrangements and cremation services have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee. Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on Viva's Tribute Page of our website at [www.mcclendon-winters.com](http://www.mcclendon-winters.com)

# Cemetery

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**Okmulgee Cemetery**  
2601 South Wood Drive  
Okmulgee, OK, 74447

# Events

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- OCT 11** **Viewing** 11:00AM - 01:00PM  
McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - Okmulgee  
303 E. 7th Street, Okmulgee, OK, US, 74447
- OCT 11** **Graveside Service** 02:00PM  
Okmulgee Cemetery  
2601 South Wood Drive, Okmulgee, OK, US, 74447

# Comments

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“ Viva was a sweet lady. She was also married to Jim Wood for 12 years. I'm so surprised that was forgotten.

**terri bishop** - November 19, 2019 at 07:54 PM

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“ So glad that Viva is being buried by her beloved Bus, as he was the love and light of her life.

We first met Viva, Bus, and children when we moved to Okmulgee, where husband L.D. was to be an assistant football coach. Son Doug played football and Sue was a cheerleader, we all had much in common. Thus that began a wonderful friendship that would last through the years.

Viva was one of a kind, but I believe the words "cious" should be added to complete her name to read "Vivacious", because that she was for sure. A perky, bubbly, loving, funny woman who could "captain any ship", win any bridge game, and was adored by all who knew her.

Since I live in Tulsa, Viva and I would have lunch every time she came to town to shop, and boy were they long lunches. .

My condolences to you Sue, and the rest of the large family who loved her.

Due to both our medical conditions, we will be not be able to attend the service, and this makes me sad. But Viva would understand.

God Bless sweet Viva, as she now knows all the secrets. Blessed Bus and Doug, I am sure have welcomed her with loving arms at heaven's door..

For all the memories and good times, we are forever grateful.

With our love, Peggy and L. D. Bains

**Peggy Bains** - October 09, 2019 at 07:04 PM

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“ David Miller lit a candle in memory of Viva Whomble Edwards



**david miller** - October 07, 2019 at 03:13 PM