



## Ava Joyce Ezell

September 10, 1946 - September 26, 2023

Ava Joyce Ezell long-time Okmulgee resident passed away at the age of 77, in Henryetta, OK on September 26, 2023. She was born to Edward and Mildred (Brown) Rainwater on September 10, 1946, in Okmulgee, OK.

Ava and Edward Ezell married on August 9, 1963, in Council Hill, OK. To this union they had one son, Edward, who is a retired Oklahoma Highway Patrolman. Ava attended Connors State College for two years before she earned her Master's Degree from Northeastern State University. She taught English for many years at Morris Public Schools. She also had taught at Okmulgee Middle School and OSU-IT. She loved her career working and teaching others.

Ava loved to scavenge antique stores looking for great artifacts. Ava was a big collector of Fenton Glassware and loved to travel and make picture books.

Ava is survived by her husband Edward, of the home, son Shawn and wife Ellen Ezell of Morris, grandson Wyatt Ezell and wife Baylee, granddaughter Shawna Winters, great grandchildren, Easton Ezell, Saige Winters, Phoenix Winters, and Jameson Winters, and sister, JoAnn McCall.

Ava was preceded in death by her parents, Edward, and Mildred (Brown) Rainwater.

A Celebration of Life will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, September 30, 2023, at the Morris Middle School Auditorium with Larry Combs officiating.

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

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Morris Middle School Auditorium  
307 South 6th Street  
Morris, OK 74445

# Tribute Wall



“ *McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ava Joyce Ezell*



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**McClendon-Winters Funeral Home** - September 27, 2023 at 05:32 PM

JD

“ *We're so sorry to hear of the passing! Gosh dogs! My sincerest condolences for Ed and Shawn.  
Bless y'all's hearts.  
Jay Dearmore*



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**Jay Dearmore** - October 05, 2023 at 03:39 PM

CC

“ *Clay Copenhaver lit a candle in memory of Ava Joyce Ezell*



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**Clay Copenhaver** - September 29, 2023 at 11:12 PM

JR

“ *Joan Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Ava Joyce Ezell*



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**Joan Reynolds** - September 29, 2023 at 06:53 PM

SW

“ *Shirley Whitaker lit a candle in memory of Ava Joyce Ezell*



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**Shirley Whitaker** - September 29, 2023 at 07:09 AM

SW

*I am sad to hear of Ava's passing. She was such a good person.*

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**Shirley Whitaker** - September 29, 2023 at 07:12 AM

DM

“ *David Miller lit a candle in memory of Ava Joyce Ezell*



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**David Miller** - September 28, 2023 at 04:30 PM



“ 92 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**McClendon-Winters Funeral Home** - September 27, 2023 at 05:35 PM

CR

“ *I'm saddened to hear of Ava's passing. She was a beautiful person and will be greatly missed.*  
*Connie Reed*



**Connie Reed** - September 27, 2023 at 01:47 PM

DP

“ *Sending my condolences Mrs. Ezell was a wonderful teachers and a great co workers you will truly be missed praying for the family*

**Dwight Pankey** - September 27, 2023 at 11:42 AM

MJ

“ *I'm saddened to hear of Ava passing. Such a beautiful friend and coworker. Prayers for the family.*

**Marilyn Jackson** - September 27, 2023 at 10:17 AM

CC

“ Heaven gained a beautiful angel with you Ms Ava. You where a true inspiration to so many of your students. Myself included. Rest in peace Mrs Ezell. Love and prayers to the family. Claresa Nice Campbell

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**Claresa Campbell** - September 26, 2023 at 10:46 PM

SV

“ Mrs. Ezell was a great teacher and a very wonderful woman. I was able to crochet a couple of items for her some years back and see her after so many years. She will be greatly missed. ❤️🌸

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**Shana Vann** - September 26, 2023 at 10:44 PM

JB

“ 🌿💜🌿 Ava “Jake” Ezell was a treasure who i will never forget. She was a loving, caring, articulate, pleasant sister-in-law, more like a sister, and we will miss her beyond measure. One of the kindest people I have ever known. Rest in peace in the arms of Jesus, precious friend. I love you 🌿💜🌿

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**Joan Bills** - September 26, 2023 at 10:18 PM

MC

“ Thank you so much Mrs Ezell for loving me and teaching me the way you did. For taking care of me and spending time with me after school. Thank you for taking me to find fossils and letting me dig thru and look at all of your personal collections. You will be so missed! Michelle Bennett- bulldog 1991

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**Michelle Coker** - September 26, 2023 at 09:49 PM

TN

“ *Mrs. Ava...I am so saddened by the news of your passing! Geez...Steph and I love you! You were always so warm and welcoming and so articulate. I will always treasure our visits. You were certainly a blessing to everyone who knew you! Rest peacefully, beautiful angel.*

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**Tommy Nuckolls** - September 26, 2023 at 02:42 PM

BB

“ *Billy & Jan Basquez lit a candle in memory of Ava Joyce Ezell*



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**Billy & Jan Basquez** - September 26, 2023 at 01:22 PM