



Betty Mae Hankins

August 30, 1932 - January 20, 2021

Betty Mae Hankins made her journey homeward to Heaven at 88 years young. She passed peacefully onward January 20, 2021 at her residence in Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

Betty, a long time breast cancer survivor and worlds best Grandmother, was born on August 30, 1932 in Hugo, Oklahoma to Robert Yates and Viola Mae Shackelford. She was the 4th of nine siblings. Betty spent her youngest years living in Hugo, Oklahoma before moving to Carnegie, Oklahoma with her family at age 3. There she grew up working on cotton farms with her parents and tending to her younger siblings whom she loved dearly. She met her husband Robert Frank Hankins (Bob) at a soda shop while he was working construction. She said when he finally got up the nerve to ask her on a date she had already decided they would be married! That they did, on November 12, 1949. They started their life together in Carnegie before moving to Roswell, New Mexico after Bob came home from his time in the service. Together they welcomed a daughter, Donna Gayle and son, Steven Edward. They resided in Oklahoma until a tragedy took Betty's oldest Brother and they moved to Gridley, California to be with her family. They stayed there for 20 years, before moving to Okmulgee, Oklahoma. As much moving as Betty has done in her lifetime she has always considered Okmulgee to be her "true" home. She has been so loved by so many in our community.

Betty served many, many years at the formally known “Okmulgee Memorial Hospital” as a hospital volunteer. She donned her Pink Jacket with pride and ran the snack kitchen with humor and an immense amount of respect for those she served. She made several friends in her time there and was always grateful for the time she spent behind the counter.

Betty was a member of First Baptist Church in Okmulgee, where she spent her time serving in the kitchen. She volunteered her time through many VBS summers, funeral dinners, church events and was also an active member in the B.A.L.L. group. She was very close to her church family.

Betty was an avid reader, you could catch her most Mondays at the Okmulgee Public Library. One of her crowning glory stories was that she proudly took each of her grandchildren to get their first library card and went on regular weekly trips to take them to pick out new books.

Betty was a master quilter and crochet-er. She had several talents and loves but her favorite place to be was in her kitchen surrounded by the sounds of her family crowding into her home. Betty spent many years making pies for Sue’s Little Peso’s and other customers who hunted her down after trying a “fried pie” for the first time. She so enjoyed bringing joy to others by cooking or creating things for them.

Perhaps her greatest accomplishment was not the things she did, but the people she counted as family and friends. Betty loved her family with every bit of the heart God gave her. She prided herself on being at every single school event, birthday, birth, and life accomplishment. She never missed a special day. Her extended family included the girls in the “Friday Breakfast Club” who met at McDonald’s each Friday morning for years and years.

Betty spent her last 3 years residing at The Gardens in Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

The healthcare workers and support staff there have become like family to her, especially over the last year as they stood in the gap during the unfortunate shut down of nursing centers.

Betty is survived by her Daughter, Donna Conway of Tulsa, Daughter-In-Love, Jayme Hankins of Okmulgee. Granddaughter Heather Conway and Husband Carlos of Louisville, Kentucky. Granddaughter Brooke Hankins-Provence and Husband Mickey of Okmulgee. Grandson, Lee Conway and wife Tish of Texas. Grandson, Peter Hankins of Okmulgee. Grandson, Garrett Hankins and wife Michelle of Newcastle, Oklahoma. 9 great grandchildren, Alea, Andy, Noah, Elle, Nova, Isabella, Evan, Sawyer and Weston. Sister in law, Rita Horn of Broken Arrow. Sister's Sue Mund of Biloxi, Mississippi, Kay Williams of Biggs, California. Rhonda Williams of Biggs, California and many, many nieces and nephews and several life long friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Robert Yates and Viola Mae, her husband, Bob Hankins, her son, Steve Hankins, her sister Louella "Sis" Miller, Brother, Harrison Jay Shackleford, Brother, Dean Shackleford, Brother, Bob Wayne Shackleford, Brother Neal Shackleford and Best Friend, Dolores Anderson. Funeral arrangements made through McClendon-Winters funeral home.

Service will be held Monday, January 25, 2021 at 2:00PM at McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel.

Betty will find her final resting place at the Okmulgee Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee. Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on Betty's Tribute Page of our website at www.mccclendon-winters.com

Cemetery Details

Okmulgee Cemetery

2601 South Wood Drive
Okmulgee, OK 74447
(918) 756-5109

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN **25**. 2:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel
303 E. 7th Street
Okmulgee, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Betty Mae Hankins*



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - January 25, 2021 at 01:17 PM



“ *Betty Mae Hankins*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM

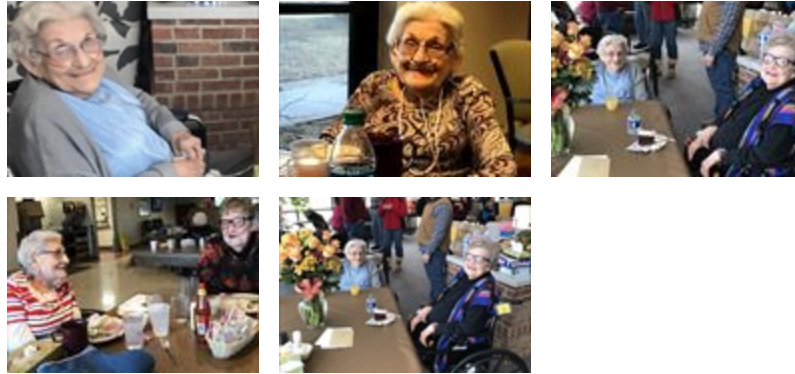


“ *Thank you Betty for so many precious memories. You will be greatly missed. Sending my love to all the family. Garrett your words and sentiment are such a blessing. God Bless you all.*

Lesa Mcmurtry - January 25, 2021 at 08:42 PM

SS

“ My Mother Betty Mc Daris met Betty at the Gardens in Sapulpa. Our Family love the Friendship between the two Betty's! Prayers to Betty's family. She loved you all very much and spoke fondly of her family... So sorry for your loss. Shirley Steiner



Shirley Steiner - January 24, 2021 at 04:08 PM

DM

“ part of so many great memories from my childhood in okmulgee, oklahoma. great lady. rest assured--she's in heaven, guys! peace and strength, ya'll. amen!



david miller - January 22, 2021 at 02:45 PM

KA

“ Kim Angle lit a candle in memory of Betty Mae Hankins



Kim Angle - January 22, 2021 at 10:17 AM

GI

“ *A life well lived with love and laughter. Her legacy lives on through all of you, her beautiful family.* ”

ginny - January 22, 2021 at 07:40 AM

LK

“ *Sweetest lady ever! She will be greatly missed.* ”



Loretta Keaton - January 21, 2021 at 03:46 PM

GK

“ *Gail Kelly lit a candle in memory of Betty Mae Hankins* ”



Gail Kelly - January 21, 2021 at 02:34 PM

LS

“ *I have missed seeing Betty at church the last few years but will always remember her smile. She always loved it when our Sr. Adult choir would go and sing for her. Praying for peace and comfort for the family.* ”

Linda Smith - January 21, 2021 at 02:21 PM