



Betty Sue Hooks

December 31, 1929 - April 21, 2026

Betty Sue (Peebles) Hooks, longtime Okmulgee resident, passed away Tuesday, April 21, 2026 in Broken Arrow at ninety-six years of age. She was born December 31, 1929 in Newville, Alabama to the late Albert W. and Nellie B. (Skinner) Peebles. Betty retired as secretary of the Building Trades Department at OSU-IT in 1992. She cherished her time there, especially caring for the students, many of whom loved her and stayed in contact with her throughout her life. Betty then began working as the secretary at her church, the First United Methodist Church, retiring on December 31, 2009. She faithfully served her church and was an active member of the United Methodist Women. She was an excellent cook and enjoyed sharing meals with her church family. Betty was also a member of P.E.O. Chapter E.R., was an avid Bridge player, belonging to several clubs, and loved to shop. She loved her family deeply and was proud to be a mom, grandmother and great grandmother.

Preceding Betty in death were her parents and six siblings.

Survivors include her daughter, Terri H. Jones and husband Steve of Broken Arrow, granddaughter, Tabitha Osborn and husband Jeff of Broken Arrow, great grandchildren, Gavin, Gibson and Gentry Sue Osborn and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A funeral service will be held 2:00 P.M. Monday, April 27, 2026 at the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends following the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church in Okmulgee or the Okmulgee Humane Society.

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

Cemetery Details

Okmulgee Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR **27**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty Sue Hooks* ”



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - April 24 at 05:25 PM

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“ Betty and I go back to the Summers of 1974 and 1975. At that time I was in college and employed during two summers by First Methodist Church as "summer youth director." At that time, as she does now, she had a daughter Terri. Terri was in the youth group around the age of 12 or 13. For two summers Betty and Terri took me in as one of their own. Sure, I was staying at the home of Ernest Lambert. But I had many memorable times with Betty and Terri, Betty often feeding me--not only with food--but with encouragement towards my goal of becoming a Methodist minister. As for Terri, we could laugh it up because of the activities we were enjoying with the youth group. In a way I was merely a blimp on the screen of their lives in Okmulgee. After all, it was just two Summers. But that's not what it was for me. It made an indelible impression on my confidence and feeling of my "home away from home." Terry and I wrote for a considerable amount of time before time, as it does, began to fade our contact. But we were all united when Terri married Steve and I was invited to come. What a proud night it was for Betty. I am 71 now, and I guess I've reached a point where I reflect on the people who made a difference for my early development. Betty easily makes the cut. I am a better person because of Betty. I am a better person because Betty, when I was just 19 and 20, took the time to show me what kind of person she was at a time when a young person needs people to look up to and aspire to mimic their ways. 507 S. Mission is an address I've never forgotten. Thank you Betty. I grieve yet it is a grief mixed with thankfulness that you are welcomed into the arms of God and greeted by your many friends and family members who have passed before you.

Billy Hamilton - April 23 at 05:19 PM