



Betty Louise Rhodes

December 31, 1930 - February 12, 2026

Betty Rhodes Obituary

Betty Louise Suiter Rhodes passed away peacefully on February 12, 2026, in Okmulgee, OK.

Betty was born to Raymond E. Suiter and Agnes Irene (Lakey) Suiter on December 31, 1930, in Kusa, OK. Betty's parents worked as farmworkers during the Great Depression – primarily in western Oklahoma – before settling more permanently in McIntosh County near the Tiger Mountain community. It was here where Betty later met her life's love and future husband, Loran Rhodes. They were married on December 4, 1948, and remained married for fifty-eight years until Loran's passing in 2007.

Betty and Loran worked as farmers until moving to Okmulgee, OK in 1957, where Loran began his career working for the Okmulgee Fire Department—later retiring as Fire Chief. During this period, Betty attended to her family as a homemaker while also working as a dietician for Okmulgee Public Schools and Okmulgee Memorial Hospital.

Betty is survived in death by four children: son Johnny Rhodes (Gail); daughters Linda Boyd, Sandra Davidson (Allan), and Rita McCrimmon (Bill); and son-in-law Leroy Frederick.

Betty is also survived in death by seven grandchildren: John Rhodes, Jr. (Kelly), Angi Long (Craig), Russell Frederick (Bridgett), Daniel Wyrick (Jennifer), Carrie Bailey (Austin), Casey McCrimmon (Tuti), and Nicole McCrimmon; eleven great grandchildren (with one great-great grandchild on the way); two siblings: sister Dorothy Richardson (Buford), and brother Ralph Suiter (Marilyn); as well as many nieces and nephews.

Betty is preceded in death by her parents; husband Loran Rhodes; daughter Lora Frederick (Leroy); sisters Patsy Suiter and Sue Ellen Suiter; and brothers Omer Suiter and Bob Suiter.

Betty was an avid church attendee, and she took pleasure in reading, gardening, and music (particularly if it involved the music she herself performed and recorded). She was musically gifted, teaching herself how to skillfully play both the guitar and piano – and teaching these same talents to others – despite never learning how to read music. Betty also enjoyed “visiting”—there never existed a time when she would not make herself available for conversation and telling stories. Most importantly, Betty lived her life as a kind, loving mother and grandmother. She was both nurturing and forgiving: Put simply, Betty cared deeply for her family. Those of us who knew her were fortunate to have had her love and guidance in our lives.

A Celebration of Life for Betty will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2026, at 11AM, at the McClendon-Winters Life Celebration Center.

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 Betty's Tribute Page of our website. www.mcclendon-winters.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB **28**. 11:00 AM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Life Celebration Center

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Tribute Wall



“ McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty Louise Rhodes



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - February 18 at 02:02 PM



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McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - February 20 at 12:18 PM

TN

“ Teresa Neal lit a candle in memory of Betty Louise Rhodes



Teresa Neal - February 18 at 04:30 PM

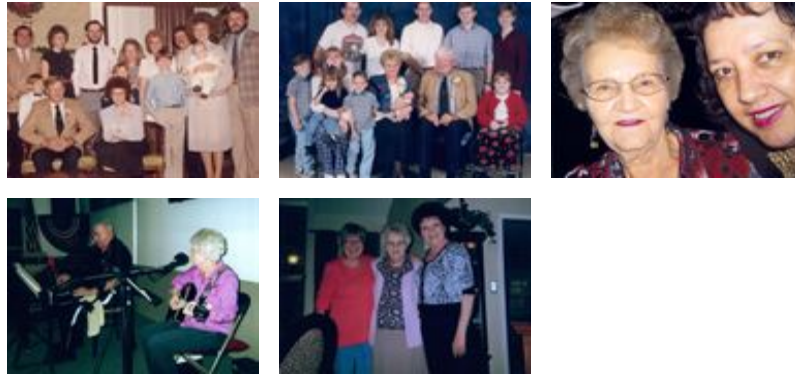
TN

Sandra and family I am deeply sorry for the loss of your mother. My thoughts, prayers and love are with you all.

Teresa Neal - February 18 at 04:34 PM



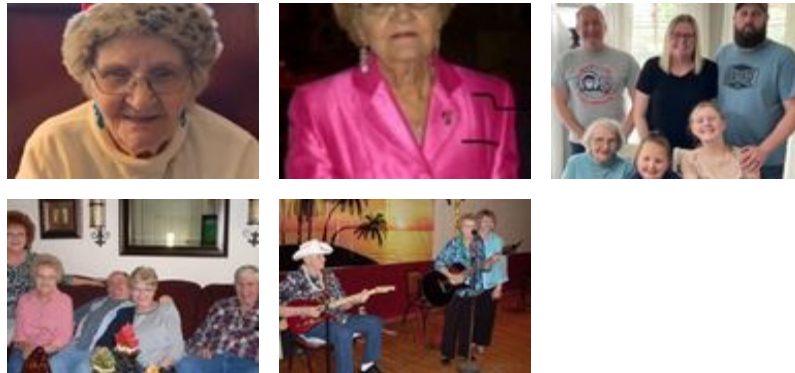
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McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - February 18 at 04:01 PM



“ 64 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - February 18 at 01:57 PM

AC

“ I am so deeply sorry for the loss of your mother and Nanny. Sending you all my love and prayers during this difficult time.



Ashley Carnes - February 15 at 11:35 PM

LL

“ Jim & I thought so very much of your sweet mother. May you feel God's love during this time.

Linda Lonsdale - February 15 at 07:32 AM

EL

“ So sad Girls and Johnnie she was a Special Lady.



Ernest Ledbetter - February 14 at 11:22 PM

BA

“ Linda and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Sending Love, Hugs and Prayers ❤️🙏🙏🙏



Becky Arnold - February 14 at 04:16 PM

DM

“ *David Miller lit a candle in memory of Betty Louise Rhodes*



David Miller - February 14 at 07:11 AM

DW

“ *So terribly sorry for the Loss of your Sweet Momma, Grandma & Great Grandma!
Our Heartfelt Condolences!*

Debbie Walker - February 13 at 06:42 PM

TB

“ *Linda and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Your Mother was one of the sweetest people I have ever known. I was blessed to make memories with your Mom and family. Prayers for comfort and understanding.*



Terri Brock Bridges - February 13 at 02:18 PM

GA

“ *Gail Allred lit a candle in memory of Betty Louise Rhodes*



Gail Allred - February 13 at 10:55 AM



“ *Linda Siegenthaler Chambers lit a candle in memory of Betty Louise Rhodes*



Linda Siegenthaler Chambers - February 13 at 08:39 AM