



Connie Joyce Arrington

May 19, 1938 - March 28, 2026

Connie Joyce Arrington, longtime Okmulgee resident, passed away Saturday, March 28, 2026 in Oklahoma City at eighty seven years of age. She was born May 19, 1938 in Morris to the late Connie (L.D.) Overbey and Vera Jean (Stacy) Overbey. Connie's career as a secretary for Morris Public Schools spanned 10 years until her retirement in 1994.

Connie, known to many as “Nanny Connie,” loved to stay active and be surrounded by people. In her younger years, she played basketball in a women’s league and went on to enjoy many years of bowling. Later in her bowling career, she was especially proud that Morris State Bank sponsored her teams, allowing them to compete in tournaments, including trips to Miami. She was a passionate sports fan, cheering on her children and grandchildren with her signature cowbell and a voice that could carry across any field or gym. For over 40 years, Connie was a familiar face in the stands at Morris, and she also spent many years working the school gates, always supporting her community.

Connie was a member of Trinity Baptist Church, where she especially cherished her Sunday School class and the friendships she built there. She was also involved in Beta Sigma Phi alongside many of her coworkers and friends from Morris, as well as the Red Hat Society, where she enjoyed making and wearing her many hats.

She loved camping and traveling with Gene, and together they spent years exploring the country, owning many camping trailers along the way. When

Gene was still with her, the two could often be found jitterbugging anywhere they found a dance floor.

Connie had a deep love for spending time with her family. She especially enjoyed playing table games and cherished the time she spent playing alongside her grandchildren. She was very proud of her Cherokee heritage. She also loved to cook and was known for being exceptionally good at it. In her quieter moments, she enjoyed fishing and crocheting.

Connie also treasured time with her casino friends, always valuing the laughter, connection, and memories they shared.

Connie was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Ira Gene Arrington, who passed away June 22, 2014. She was also preceded in death by her parents, and a granddaughter, Kara McInnis.

Survivors include her children, Ira Gene(Rocky) Arrington and wife Connie, Stephanie Johnson and husband Terry and Blake (Stony) Arrington and wife Carmen, grandchildren, Ami Sinibaldi, Brennan Johnson, Eric Johnson, Heather Arrington and Tyler Arrington, nine great grandchildren, and a brother, David Overbey.

A service will be held 11:00 A.M., Friday, April 24, 2026 at the Morris Cemetery Chapel with Reverend David Hamilton officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made in Connie's memory to the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org) or Morris Public Schools, 307 S. 6th Street, Morris, OK 74445.

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

Cemetery Details

Morris Cemetery

Morris, OK

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 24. 11:00 AM (CT)

Morris Cemetery Chapel
Morris, OK

Tribute Wall



“ McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Connie Joyce Arrington



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - April 02 at 05:21 PM

BJ

Love you Grandma

Brennan Johnson - April 02 at 08:00 PM

MA

A wonderful tribute to such a special woman and Aunt!

Mark Arrington - April 04 at 09:36 PM



“ 38 files added to the album Life Tributes



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - April 02 at 05:17 PM



“ 24 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - April 02 at 03:03 PM

TR

“ *I did not know her well, but I do remember her visits to see Steph, Terry and the boys. Always a sweet lady. Bless her and all of her family 🙏*

Tracy Newlin Renfrow - April 01 at 09:15 PM

TJ

“ *56 years ago, God blessed me with the best Mother-in-Law and Friend imaginable. I love her dearly, and will forever miss her laughter and enthusiasm for living. At the memory care center everyone knew Nanny, but they didn't always know where she was! For as long as she was able, she was moving, and doing something. Someday we will all meet again in Heaven.*

TERRY JOHNSON - April 01 at 12:49 PM

MH

“ *Marlyn Harris lit a candle in memory of Connie Joyce Arrington*



Marlyn Harris - April 01 at 12:00 PM

MH

Mrs Arrington was a great neighbor when she moved from her rural area home to Okmulgee. She loved her family!!!!

Marlyn Harris - April 01 at 12:02 PM

MD

“ *A very special lady and our SS class will miss her terribly. I still cherish the red ruby Bible marker she gave me in class one day. Prayers for peace and comfort to all of her family. 💜*

Myrna Dixon - March 31 at 10:40 PM

RC

“ *Loved working and bowling with wonderful Connie.*

Ranee Cline - March 31 at 08:59 PM

CC

“ *So was a wonderful woman my dad and Gene worked together.sorry for you loss Stony and family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Clay Copenhaver - March 31 at 06:37 PM

RS

“ *ROBIN STACY-SMITH lit a candle in memory of Connie Joyce Arrington*



ROBIN STACY-SMITH - March 31 at 03:39 PM

DM

“ *David Miller lit a candle in memory of Connie Joyce Arrington*



David Miller - March 31 at 05:30 AM

SS

“ *I'm sorry for the loss of your loved one; prayers in sympathy for comfort and peace to Connie's family.*

Shirley Scott - March 30 at 09:16 PM