



Cora Belle Smart

August 26, 1937 - November 27, 2025

Cora Belle Brown Smart, longtime Okmulgee resident and a current resident of Macon, Missouri, passed away Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 2025 in Macon. She was born August 26, 1937 in Mena, Arkansas to the late Luther Samuel and Mona Maye (Johnson) Garner. She graduated from Waldron High School at eighteen years of age. Following graduation, Cora moved to Okmulgee and lived with her sister Jean and brother-in-law, Thomas Wright. She married Franklin Richard Lee Brown on October 20, 1955. Cora and Franklin moved from Okmulgee due to Franklin's military career, and started a family. Throughout his career, the family lived in Louisiana, Illinois, Michigan, Alabama, Turkey, and finally California.

Cora enjoyed crocheting, making doilies, baking and ceramics. During the holidays, Cora spent countless hours making candies to ship back to family in Oklahoma. Cora and Franklin returned to Okmulgee in 1977. He passed away on July 18, 1987.

Cora married Jewel Smart on February 14, 1988 and were married nineteen years before his passing.

Cora was a faithful member of Calvary Baptist Church until moving closer to her family in Macon in 2023.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Luther and Mona Garner; husbands, Franklin Brown and Jewel Smart; son, Gerald Brown; grandson, Franklin Eugene Brown; sister Jean Wright and brother-in-law, Thomas Wright; nephew, David Wright; and great nephew, Thomas Wright.

Cora is survived by her son, Rick Brown and wife Karolen; granddaughter, Amanda Williams and husband Sam; six great grandchildren; nephew, Darrell Wright and wife Kathy; and great nephew, David Wright.

A graveside service will be Friday, December 5, 2025 at 1:00 P.M. at the Okmulgee Cemetery.

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 Cora'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

Graveside Service

DEC 5. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RK

“ *Such a sweet lady. She would come into our shop when Franklin got haircuts, then later when Jewel came in. -Ralph & Roger down at Ralph's.*

Roger Kovarik - December 04, 2025 at 10:28 AM

JS

“ *I can still hear her on our first visit to Calvary Baptist Church; after saying hello
She introduced herself and Jean then said I'm Smart and Jean is Wright"Right".
She was always smiling, both she and Jean. I loved them dearly. My heart hurts for the family but rejoices for Cora, cause she is home with Jesus.
My love and prayers,
Jean Smith*

JEAN SMITH - December 04, 2025 at 03:11 AM



“ *It is with a heavy heart today, I remove Ms Cora and Ms Jean from my Christmas Card list. Im so Blessed to have known these precious Souls and listened to the many stories of their life, more than one time.
Everytime these same stories were told, the look in their eyes were of precious memories of long ago.. MERRY CHRISTMAS IN Heaven this year!! Rejoicing with Jesus, the Reason for the Season. RIP that you earned while on this Earth. Cares all Past, Home AT LAST...Ever to Rejoice. I kove you both...Happy Day when we meet again!!!*



Linda Siegenthaler Chambers - December 02, 2025 at 08:28 AM

KB

“ I was blessed to have Cora as my neighbor for more than a decade. We would chat over the hedge between our properties until Cora and my husband decided the hedge had to go. Down went the hedge but we still would meet and talk, and talk, and talk. I've missed her these past few years but was glad she could be closer to her son and his family. My deepest sympathy to her loved ones.

Kathy Brison - November 30, 2025 at 04:13 PM

CD

“ Charla K Davis lit a candle in memory of Cora Belle Smart



Charla K Davis - November 30, 2025 at 09:21 AM

CD

Cora and I had so much fun working together at J. C. Penney's. I trained her to take my place in bookkeeping. It was just the two of us when Mr. Hooks was gone. But truth be known, it was more fun when he was there. He just didn't know how to handle us, because we would laugh and joke with him. I love you Cora.

Charla K Davis - November 30, 2025 at 09:32 AM

CW

“ Cathy Wright lit a candle in memory of Cora Belle Smart



Cathy wright - November 29, 2025 at 09:48 PM

GA

“ Gail lit a candle in memory of Cora Belle Smart



Gail - November 29, 2025 at 08:48 PM