



## Judith A. Alexander

October 24, 1938 - March 29, 2018

Judith Ann (Janzen) Alexander passed away peacefully following a brief illness on Thursday, March 29, 2018 at St John Hospital surrounded by her loving husband, children and brother. She was born on October 24, 1938 in Ponca City, OK to the late Jacob H and Alice (Goble) Janzen. Judy grew up in Tulsa and graduated from Will Rogers High School in 1956. She went on to attend the University of Oklahoma and was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority. She graduated in 1960 with a Bachelors of Science in Nursing. While at OU, Judy met the love of her life and best friend, Tom Alexander, and went on to marry him on August 12, 1961. They had 56 adventurous and fun filled years together which included a year in Phoenix, AZ, three in New Orleans, LA and two at Ft Stewart, GA before they settled in Okmulgee, OK in 1969. Through the years, Judy was very active in her community, but had a special place in her heart for children, education and social justice. She began with her active role in the successful campaign in the early 1970's for a large bond issue to build two new elementary schools in Okmulgee. Shortly thereafter, she was elected to the Okmulgee School Board and served over 12 years as both a member and as president. In this role she had the privilege of presenting 3 of her 4 children and 5 nieces and nephews with their high school diplomas. Judy continued her passion for education by serving on the Okmulgee Education Foundation Board in the early years of development. Judy was in PEO Chapter ER, serving as president and as an active member. She also belonged to the Okmulgee Art and Literature Club. Judy was a

member of the Tuesday night bridge group for 45 years and loved visiting, laughing and even playing a few hands of bridge!

Judy was a very active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Okmulgee. She was most enthusiastic about the mission work of her church - from preparing and serving meals at Open Gate (a mission of the local Episcopal church), preparing backpacks for children at the youth shelter and women's shelter to providing supplies for the Homeless Shelter and women's shelter. One mission that she loved and enjoyed for almost 20 years was traveling to Hugo to visit Goodland Academy, speaking with each of the boys to find out what they wanted for Christmas. She loved talking to the boys and purchasing gifts for them. On the first Sunday of December, the boys from Goodland attended the service, enjoyed a potluck from their requests and received their gifts. She saw so many of the boys at Goodland grow into amazing young men through the years.

Judy will always be remembered by those who knew her well and those she met in passing as a kind and gracious woman. She had a loving and genuinely accepting heart. She was the strong foundation of her family and loved them passionately. Her children and grandchildren were her pride and joy and she always had a story to share about one of them.

Judy has left a void in her family that will be impossible to fill. Her smile and laughter were contagious. Her salad and cheese balls were legendary. Her generosity, humility and inclusiveness were remarkable. Her love was unconditional.

Judy was preceded in death by her father and mother. She is survived by her loving husband, Dr Thomas C Alexander, Sr of the home; son, Tom Alexander, Jr of Salt Lake City, UT; son, Tim and wife Betsy Alexander of Canadian, TX; daughter, Pam and wife Trisha Alexander of Bixby, OK; daughter, Marie Alexander of the home. She is also survived by her three amazing grandchildren, whom she loved more than they can know, 1st LT Ryan Alexander of Ft Drum, NY, Annie Alexander of Lawrence, KS and Emily Alexander of Canadian, TX and her brother, Robert Janzen and Barbara

Flowers of San Antonio, TX. She is also survived by her brother-in-law Dr Bob, Jr and Julia Alexander, sisters-in-law Dr Ann Alexander and Kathryn Alexander and wife Dr Alicia Casas Celaya, a host of nephews, nieces and great nephews and nieces along with all of the friends she loved so dearly. Pallbearers are her nephews: Jeff Alexander, James Alexander, Matt Carey, Michael Carey, Alan Janzen, Philip Janzen and Dan Sulivant.

Honorary pallbearers are: Dr Raymond Miller, Dr Edward Osborn, Dr Jerry Thorman, Tom Slamans, Bill Barksdale and Craig Brydges.

The family will receive friends Monday evening from 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. at the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel.

A funeral service will be held 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at the First Presbyterian Church with Reverend Dr. Jeff Francis and Reverend J. Rodgers Spencer officiating. Interment will follow in the Okmulgee Cemetery.

Contributions may be made in Judy's memory to the First Presbyterian Church of Okmulgee or the Goodland Academy, 1216 N. 4200 Rd., Hugo, OK 74743. Arrangements have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee.

Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on Judy's Tribute Page of our website at [www.mcclendon-winters.com](http://www.mcclendon-winters.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Okmulgee Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**APR 2.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - Okmulgee  
303 E. 7th Street  
Okmulgee, OK 74447  
(918) 756-1677  
info@mcclendon-winters.com  
<https://www.mcclendon-winters.com>

## Funeral Service

**APR 3.** 2:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
401 South Seminole  
Okmulgee, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Judith A. Alexander



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - April 03, 2018 at 09:29 AM



“ Judith A. Alexander

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ Tom, very sorry to learn of Judith's passing.  
Thinking of you and wishing you peace.

Bob English



Robert English - April 20, 2018 at 10:34 AM



“ Just learned of the loss of Mrs. Alexander. I am sorry for your loss. Mrs. Alexander will surely be missed. I remember her kind warm smile and her encouraging words. She always made me feel important and respected. Wonderful lady.

Marilyn Jackson - April 16, 2018 at 11:36 AM

GJ

“ So sorry, Tom, to hear of your loss. Dwayne and I enjoyed the few times we had to spend with you and Judy several years ago and we always hoped that we would be able to see you again. He passed away about 3 1/2 years ago and so I understand what you are going through and it leaves a big hole in your life. May God be with you and your family.

*Gloria Janzen*

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**Gloria Janzen** - April 04, 2018 at 07:28 PM

BC

“ *The void in our hearts we will fill with memories.*

*Cathy and Bob Coyle*

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**Bob and Cathy Coyle** - April 04, 2018 at 07:53 AM

PW

“ *Pat G Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of Judith A. Alexander*



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**Pat G wilson** - April 03, 2018 at 12:51 PM

IM

“ *Thinking of your family today and always and sending our love and prayers. From the Grandfield Family - Inge, Angela and Monika*

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**Inge, Angela and Monika** - April 03, 2018 at 11:51 AM



“ 42 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**McClendon-Winters Funeral Home** - April 03, 2018 at 08:22 AM

NT

“ *Judy Will B Missed by Many. Her wonderful Smile that lit Uo Her Face & Her Kindness Will Be Missed by All that Knew Her. Dr. Tom & All the Family Our Heart goes Out to You All. We R Praying for You!*

*Nellie & David Taylor & Lendel Taylor*

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**Nellie Taylor** - April 02, 2018 at 10:52 PM

JS

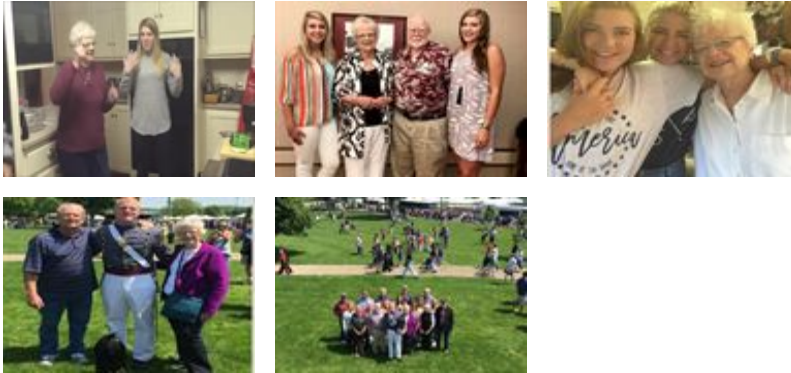
“ *My utmost sympathy to you, Tom, and your family in the passing of Judy. She was a very special, caring, and loving person. Jean Parker Sitkowski*

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**Jean Parker Sitkowski** - April 02, 2018 at 10:25 PM



“ 13 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**McClendon-Winters Funeral Home** - April 02, 2018 at 07:40 PM

SB

“ *Our sincere condolences to Dr. Tom and the entire Alexander family. The passing of this fine human being will be felt by the many people who were fortunate enough to have crossed her path. Judy's concern for other people's well being, her kindness, her smile and her sincerity will be missed by the many lives she touched. We will always cherish Judy's friendship with our Brownfield family.*

*Stephen Brownfield & Claire Hibler*

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**Stephen Brownfield** - April 02, 2018 at 12:30 PM

MB

“ *Judy was a true example of a selfless individual who gave so much to her family, friends, church and community. Dr. Tom, Pam, Tim, Tom, Marie, my heartfelt sympathy goes out to you.*

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**Mary Brown** - April 02, 2018 at 12:09 PM

PM

“ Pat (Clingan) Morrison lit a candle in memory of Judith A. Alexander



Pat (Clingan) Morrison - April 02, 2018 at 10:39 AM

JC

“ Jimmy And Sharon Cazenave sent a virtual gift in memory of Judith A. Alexander



Jimmy and Sharon Cazenave - April 02, 2018 at 09:58 AM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Judith A. Alexander.



April 02, 2018 at 02:23 AM

JC

“ Dr Tom and family please know my prayers are with you at this time for your loss. Judy's sincere and honest personality was reflected daily to all who had the good fortune to call her a friend.



Jeneane Campbell - April 01, 2018 at 07:16 PM

SA

“ Sharon And Ed Allen sent a virtual gift in memory of Judith A. Alexander



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**Sharon and Ed Allen** - April 01, 2018 at 06:27 PM

PS

“ To Dr. Tom and the Alexander family, Max and I are so sorry for your loss and regret that we will not be able to attend Judy's service. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this time.

*Max and Phyllis Shoemake*

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**Phyllis Shoemake** - April 01, 2018 at 05:59 PM

BC

“ I have known the Alexander family since 1949, and only more recently have I met Judy. She was so easy to know and reflected the kind of friendship and caring of the family. Deepest condolences to Dr. Tom. Thoughts and prayers are with you all. Barbara Hahne Campbell

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**Barbara Campbell** - April 01, 2018 at 05:11 PM

JS

“ Juliene Stoner lit a candle in memory of Judith A. Alexander



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**Juliene Stoner** - April 01, 2018 at 12:27 AM

AB

“ *Amy Baughman-Morton lit a candle in memory of Judith A. Alexander*



**Amy Baughman-Morton** - April 01, 2018 at 12:15 AM

SB

“ *Dr. Tom and family I'm so sorry for your loss! I know you are feeling totally lost, the two of you were inseparable!! She was a true lady! Our continued prayers and deepest sympathy...*



**SUSIE BROWN** - March 31, 2018 at 11:21 PM

GM

“ *Dr Tom and family, I am so sorry to hear about JUDY. What a gracious lady she was. A great role model for the younger generation. I'm so glad God placed her in my path. God Bless and give you peace knowing we'll meet again.*  
*Vic and Glenda Mariano*



**Glenda Mariano** - March 31, 2018 at 10:22 PM

MR

“ *Mary Robbins lit a candle in memory of Judith A. Alexander*



**Mary Robbins** - March 31, 2018 at 09:11 PM



“ *Meat & Cheese Sympathy Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Judith A. Alexander.*



March 31, 2018 at 08:01 PM



“ *Dr. Tom, and family. I am so very sorry . My most fun memory of Judy (besides being an admirable wife, Mother and community volunteer) was when I shaved off your beard for charity. Watching her face and realizing she had never seen you without your beard. I loved her laugh. God bless you all.*

**Brenda Granzow** - March 31, 2018 at 05:11 PM



“ *Please accept my sincere condolences to the whole family. She was a lovely lady. Ann, I am so glad that you were able to have some years together after your return to Okmulgee. I am so sorry for your loss.*

**Jacqueline Jacobs** - March 31, 2018 at 04:26 PM



“ *Mary Hayden lit a candle in memory of Judith A. Alexander*



**Mary Hayden** - March 31, 2018 at 04:15 PM

CD

“ Tom and family, Judy was one of the kindest women I have ever known. I am so sorry for your loss. I know she will be greatly missed. Judy loved her family dearly. I am praying for peace and comfort for the entire Alexander family.

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**Cynthia Daniels** - March 31, 2018 at 04:13 PM

ML

“ Such a loss to your family but also to a multitude of friends that loved Judy. Prayers for all.

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**Mary Lewellen** - March 31, 2018 at 02:58 PM

RT

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Mrs. Alexander was a wonderful person and a great cook! It's difficult losing people I grew up with in the church and the Alexander family means so much to me and my family. Sincerely, Robin Taylor

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**Robin E. Taylor** - March 31, 2018 at 02:51 PM

SS

“ Dr. Tom, Pam, Tim and family...I was so saddened by hearing of Judy's passing away. We are so sorry for your loss. Judy had such a peaceful, quiet spirit and her smile was so warm. I know you will miss her terribly. We will hold you all in prayer for the coming difficult days as you grieve the loss. Love in Christ, Sharon and Myles Schultz

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**Sharon Schultz** - March 31, 2018 at 02:22 PM

LP

“ *Dr. Tom and Family.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at the loss of a wonderful woman, wife and mother.  
Larry and Diane Patrick*

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**Larry F Patrick** - March 31, 2018 at 01:48 PM

CS

“ *My heart breaks for you all. Judy was such a kind, caring, amazing lady. I am so blessed and thankful to have worked for Dr. Tom and got to know him and Judy. You won't find a more thoughtful, kindhearted lady anywhere. I am just so sorry. There are no words that will take away your pain, heartache and suffering right now. There's a huge hole in your hearts that will never be filled again. Prayers and love to you all as you go through the next few days and beyond, to try and learn to live your life differently, without your rock, your friend, your wife, your mom. Love you Pam and Dr. Tom.*

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**Carla Slape** - March 31, 2018 at 12:38 PM

JT

“ *I am so sorry for your lose. Judy was a sweet, caring person and will be missed. Joyce Thomas*

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**joyce Thomas** - March 31, 2018 at 11:13 AM

JB

“ *Such a warm and sweet spirit. When I taught in Okmulgee, she was on the school board. She made such an impression on me when she visited my classroom and we had great discussions. She really cared. I am so sorry for your loss. Judy Bliss*

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**judy bliss** - March 31, 2018 at 11:04 AM

JK

“ *Jill Keck lit a candle in memory of Judith A. Alexander*



Jill Keck - March 31, 2018 at 10:10 AM

BA

“ *What a sweet special lady. Praying for strength, comfort and peace for the family and many friends she has.* ❤️🙏



Becky Arnold - March 31, 2018 at 10:00 AM

KA

“ *Kim Angle lit a candle in memory of Judith A. Alexander*



Kim Angle - March 31, 2018 at 09:13 AM

SU

“ *Such a lovely woman. We will miss you. Everyone at Edward Jones*



Suzanne - March 31, 2018 at 08:58 AM

JM

“ Janet McGrath lit a candle in memory of  
Judith A. Alexander



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**Janet McGrath** - March 31, 2018 at 08:56 AM

JM

“ So sorry to hear about Judy Dr. Tom. Such a lovely lady. My  
thoughts and prayers are with you and your family

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**Janet McGrath** - March 31, 2018 at 08:54 AM

RK

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Dr. Tom and the rest of the  
family.

*Ralph and Roger at the barber shop*

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**Ralph Kovarik** - March 31, 2018 at 01:03 AM

C1

“ Char Adams OHS 1960 lit a candle in  
memory of Judith A. Alexander



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**Char Adams OHS 1960** - March 30, 2018 at 10:47 PM

JB

“ *Dr. Tom I'm sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Heaven gained another wonderful angel. ❤️*



Jenny Bridgman - March 30, 2018 at 10:32 PM

NM

“ *Nancy Hummel Melton lit a candle in memory of Judith A. Alexander*



Nancy Hummel Melton - March 30, 2018 at 10:17 PM

EL

“ *Ernest Ledbetter lit a candle in memory of Judith A. Alexander*



Ernest Ledbetter - March 30, 2018 at 08:38 PM

CB

“ *My heart breaks for you all, and you're in my prayers. Heaven gained another angel.*



Cynthia Biby - March 30, 2018 at 07:13 PM

DM

“ god bless you, guys. strength and prayers.



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**David Miller** - March 30, 2018 at 04:59 PM

CR

“ *Connie Reed lit a candle in memory of Judith A. Alexander*



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**Connie Reed** - March 30, 2018 at 04:56 PM

LC

“ *Lydia Campbell lit a candle in memory of Judith A. Alexander*



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**Lydia Campbell** - March 30, 2018 at 11:10 AM

LC

*We are so sorry to hear about Judy's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We loved her and we love you. May God give you love, comfort and peace.*

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**Lydia Campbell** - March 30, 2018 at 11:12 AM

CT

*Dear Tom and family: I was so terribly sorry to learn of Judy's death. You and Judy were two of the nicest people we knew while in Okmulgee. I had the privilege of, not only working with her in church but at the hospital as well. Your care, concern and love given to Robert during his illness and death, can never be repaid. We never want to let our loved ones go, but they are in God's Hands and certainly in a much better place. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Tim, Pam and Tom as you mourn The death of your beloved wife and mother. God bless you and all the family. The world has lost one of the sweetest persons in Okmulgee!*

**Caryl Taylor** - March 31, 2018 at 09:58 AM

HT

*Dr. Tom, so so sorry to hear of the loss of your lovely wife. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.....Helen Brock and Terri*

**Helen Brock and Terri** - March 31, 2018 at 08:11 PM

CS

*Praying for your strength.*

**Carol Smuth** - March 31, 2018 at 09:36 PM

CL

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the family in your time of sorrow.  
Charles and Pennie Clack*

**clack** - April 02, 2018 at 06:26 AM

TC

*There is a void in our hearts we will fill with so many memories of our times together.  
Cathy and Bob Coyle*

**The Coyle's** - April 03, 2018 at 07:18 PM

SG

*My sincere sympathy is extended to you in the loss of Judy. As an Educator, I had the pleasure of getting to know her in the late 70's and early 80's. She was always cordial, professional and pleasant to work with. May God bless and keep you always in HIS care.*

*Sharon Redd-Gregg (Fairfax, Virginia)  
Okmulgee Educator (1978-1984)*

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**Sharon Gregg** - April 12, 2018 at 10:47 PM