



Marilyn Rabbitt

December 13, 1932 - March 4, 2017

A celebration of the life of Marilyn Shelton Rabbitt will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, March 10 in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church. Marilyn passed away Saturday, March 4 following a brief illness.

She was born December 13, 1932 in Okmulgee, the youngest of Rogers J. and Iva D. (Lawson) Shelton's three children. She attended Wilson and Roosevelt Elementary Schools and graduated from Okmulgee High School with the Class of 1950. While in school she was a dance student of Phi Delta Neal.

Following graduation, she attended Oklahoma A&M College and majored in Business. After a brief stay in South Texas, she returned to Okmulgee and worked as an operator at Southwestern Bell, a secretary for Roy Belford in the Commercial Arts Department at Oklahoma State Tech, personnel director at Okmulgee Hospital, and a secretary at both Horace Mann and Emerson Elementary Schools.

On March 1, 1956 she married C. Bernard Rabbitt, Jr. They had two children: Kay Lynn and E. Bernard.

In 1971, the family moved to Muskogee where Marilyn worked as secretary to one of the assistant superintendents of Muskogee Public Schools.

In late 1978, the family returned to Okmulgee, and Marilyn began working as secretary to Ray Thomason at the Okmulgee Board of Education. Shortly thereafter, she became executive secretary to the superintendent of schools and remained in that position until she retired. She returned to the Board of Education at the request of then-superintendent Paul McGee and worked briefly before retiring again.

She was a life-long member of the First United Methodist Church and served on numerous committees. She is also a member of the United Methodist Women. She has been a member of Salvation Army Board of Directors for more than 20 years, is a former member of the Sesame Club, and the Business and Professional Women's Club. She served as a leader of her daughter's Brownie troop.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bernard, her sister Evelyn Morgan, her brother Robert Shelton, her son-in-law Lee Brower, and a niece Sharon Arnwine.

She is survived by her daughter Kay Rabbitt-Brower, of the home, her son Bernard and his wife Kim of Noble, OK, five grandchildren, Amanda Brower of Cleveland, OK, Deavon

Jester and wife Kassie and Brandon Rabbitt of Noble, OK, W. Bernard Rabbitt of Moore, OK, and Stacy Cheney and husband Josh, of Haskell, OK. Four great-grandchildren, Rylan and Rucker Jester of Noble, Chloe and Mackenzie Cheney of Haskell, and a third great-granddaughter due in May.

Pallbearers are E. Bernard Rabbitt, Deavon Jester, W. Bernard Rabbitt, Brandon Rabbitt, Josh Cheney, and Bill Nygard. Honorary pallbearers are Scott Rabbitt, Bill Holcomb, and Bill Martin.

The family requests donations in Marilyn's name be made to the First United Methodist Church.

Arrangements have been entrusted to McClendon-Winters Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Okmulgee Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 10. 1:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church of Okmulgee
8th Street and Seminole
Okmulgee, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Marilyn Rabbitt*



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - March 07, 2017 at 05:05 PM

LC

My condolences to the family. In my mind I see Marilyn walking into Bernard's arms for a big hug. Together again. Two of the sweetest and well liked people I ever had the honor of knowing. RIP together again.

Loyd an Debbie Cobb - March 09, 2017 at 12:29 PM



“ *Marilyn Rabbitt*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM

DW

“ *Kay & Family,
I'm so terribly sorry for the Loss of your Precious Mother!
My Sincere Condolences,
Debbie Walker*

Debbie Walker - March 11, 2017 at 12:21 PM

SL

“ *May God bless your family. I am sorry for your loss. It was my pleasure to know her.*

Sidney Lewis

Sidney Lewis - March 10, 2017 at 12:37 PM



“ 8 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - March 09, 2017 at 10:30 AM

JN

“ Janna Nichols lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Rabbitt



Janna Nichols - March 08, 2017 at 11:23 AM



“ 92 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - March 07, 2017 at 05:02 PM

DH

“ Denise Hull lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Rabbitt



Denise Hull - March 07, 2017 at 02:41 PM

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“ Char Adams OHS 1960 lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Rabbitt



Char Adams OHS 1960 - March 07, 2017 at 12:16 PM

MG

“ Mona And Larry Greenwood lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Rabbitt



Mona and Larry Greenwood - March 06, 2017 at 09:19 AM

CT

“ Chuck Tiessen lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Rabbitt



Chuck Tiessen - March 06, 2017 at 08:58 AM

RK

“ Ronnie & Cindy Kell lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Rabbitt



Ronnie & Cindy Kell - March 06, 2017 at 08:16 AM

RK

*Kay & family,
We are so sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. May God bless you and give you peace and comfort during this difficult time.
Ronnie & Cindy Kell*

Ronnie & Cindy Kell - March 06, 2017 at 08:17 AM

KA

“ *Kim Angle lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Rabbitt*



Kim Angle - March 06, 2017 at 08:01 AM

JC

“ *My sincere sympathy to Marilyn's children. Marilyn was an OHS classmate, co-worker for Okmulgee Public Schools and a friend of many years.*

Jeneane Campbell - March 06, 2017 at 01:20 AM

JB

“ *My prayers and thoughts are with you in your loss. Marilyn was a wonderful lady and will be missed by many.*



Jennifer Bridgman - March 05, 2017 at 08:46 PM

JP

“ *Jim Carla Pilkington lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Rabbitt*



Jim Carla Pilkington - March 05, 2017 at 08:17 PM