



Mary Betsy Gooden

September 13, 1922 - May 26, 2013

Mary Betsy (Colbert) Gooden 90, a proud citizen of the Muscogee Creek Nation and longtime Okmulgee resident, passed away in Tulsa on Sunday, May 26, 2013. She was born to Edmon Colbert and Ellen Perryman on September 13, 1922. She married Rev. Willie M. Gooden on March 7, 1970 at Big Cussetah Church. He preceded her in death on December 24, 2005. She was a LPN and worked at the Claremore Indian Hospital until her retirement in 1984. Mary was a life long member of the Big Cussetah Church and was a past Senior Muscogee Creek Nation Princess. Her loves were her husband Rev. Willie M. Gooden, dog, Caligula, family, reading, old TV reruns, TVLand, writing, and cutting out newspaper clippings. Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents and a stepdaughter Joyce Ann Gooden Lefthand.

Survivors include one daughter Mary Angela (Tookie) and husband Richard Kihega of Norman, OK, three sons George Frederick Colbert Taylor of Oklahoma City, OK, Robert Taylor, Tulsa, OK, J D Colbert of Okmulgee, step-son Bennie and wife Ruby Gooden of Dewar, OK, four grandchildren Michael J. and wife Dean Kihega, Kit and wife Ginny Colbert, K.C. Colbert, Andrea and husband Taylor Mann, five great grandchildren Brooke, Breanna, Michaela and Mike Kihega Jr. and Zoe Colbert.

The Wake service will be at 7:00 PM Tuesday, and the funeral service will be

at 2:00 PM on Wednesday both at Big Cussetah Indian Methodist Church, with burial following at the Big Cussetah Cemetery. Rev. David Wilson and Rev. Newman Frank Jr. will be officiating. Casket bearers will be Pete Beaver, Robert Hardridge, Wotko Long, Levi On The Hill, Jerry Wilson and Darrell Wade. Honorary will be Richard Larney, Royce Wittman, Floyd V. Jones and Edward Tarpalechee. Condolences may be made at mccleendon-winters.com.

Cemetery Details

Big Cussetah Cemetery

Morris, OK

Previous Events

Wake Service

MAY 28. 7:00 PM (CT)

Big Cussetah United Methodist Church
Morris, OK

Funeral Service

MAY 29. 2:00 PM (CT)

Big Cussetah United Methodist Church
Morris, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Betsy Gooden*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Stephanie Pigeon lit a candle in memory of Mary Betsy Gooden*



stephanie pigeon - May 29, 2013 at 09:14 AM



“ *Georgia Harjo lit a candle in memory of Mary Betsy Gooden*



Georgia Harjo - May 28, 2013 at 02:03 PM



“ *Melinda Deeringwater lit a candle in memory of Mary Betsy Gooden*



Melinda Deeringwater - May 28, 2013 at 01:50 PM

KL

“ *KoKo Lowe lit a candle in memory of Mary Betsy Gooden*



KoKo Lowe - May 28, 2013 at 10:14 AM

VT

“ *Virginia Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mary Betsy Gooden*



virginia thomas - May 28, 2013 at 09:44 AM

MF

“ *McKenzie-Jones Tiger Family lit a candle in memory of Mary Betsy Gooden*



McKenzie-Jones Tiger Family - May 28, 2013 at 06:59 AM