



## Retta "Nanny" Swearingen

February 22, 1940 - October 20, 2019

Oraetta F. "Retta" Swearingen, known by most as "Nanny", a longtime Beggs resident, passed away Sunday evening, October 20, 2019 at St. John Medical Center in Tulsa. She was 79 years of age. Retta was born February 22, 1940 in Edna, Oklahoma to the late Otto and Ora (Hereden) Shelton. She attended Okmulgee High School, graduating in 1958. Retta married Jack Webster Swearingen in 1961. She retired after 30 years from Viersen Oil and Gas Company. Retta had been a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Retta enjoyed being outdoors. She especially liked riding four-wheelers and fishing. Her and Jack also enjoyed traveling in the motorhome and taking drives in the red car. She enjoyed watching her family rope. Her greatest love was her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, father-in-law, Charlie Scott, mother-in-law Cora Scott, brothers, Paul and Marvin Shelton, brothers-in-law, Francis (Buddy), L.A. and Frank Swearingen, sisters-in-law, Kay Davis and Sandy Swearingen and a nephew Steve Davis.

Survivors include a daughter, Shari Simpson and husband Leonard of Morris, son, Bruce Swearingen and wife Cindy of Beggs, grandchildren, Dale Simpson and wife Kristin of Bentonville, Arkansas, Amber Simpson of Morris, Trey Simpson of Norman, Kaitlin Rouk and husband Jay of Beggs, Kassidy

Burden and husband Ace of Weleetka and Shiann Swearingen and Derek Soles of Mannford, great grandchildren, Jackson and Hudson Simpson, Hailey and Cooper Rouk, and Kord Burden, nieces, Julie Davis Carr and husband David of Corpus Christi, Texas, Trish Story and husband Larry of Beggs and Peggy Steele and husband Kendall of Mason and a nephew, Scott Davis and wife Terri of Beggs. She is also survived by her many friends at the lake.

A service to celebrate Retta's life will be held 11:00 A.M. Friday, October 25, 2019 at the Crossroads Baptist Church with Reverend Brayden Buss officiating. Honorary casketbearers will be Erik Wetzel, Jack Branson, Evert Boak, Tyson Baughn, Josh Hamilton, Scott Davis, Dexter Scanlin, Ron Ballard, Snuffy Ross, David Curry and Johnny Hereden.

Arrangements and cremation services have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Beggs.

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

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT **25**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Crossroads Baptist Church  
Beggs, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ *McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Retta "Nanny" Swearingen*



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**McClendon-Winters Funeral Home** - October 23, 2019 at 05:07 PM



“ *Retta "Nanny" Swearingen*

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December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *SHARI & BRUCE & FAMILYS, I AM SO SORRY ABOUT THE PASSING OF RETTA "NANNY" SHE WAS A SPECIAL LADY, I ALWAYS ADMIRED HER, WITH HER HEALTH SHE STILL GOT OUT & ENJOYED LIFE, WE ALWAYS ENJOYED GETTING TOGETHER WHEN YOU KIDS WERE LITTLE, WE PLAYED CARDS & HAD SOME GOOD TIMES, SHE ALWAYS WANTED A HUG. REST IN PEACE SWEET LADY. MY THOUGHTS & PRAYERS ARE WITH EACH ONE OF YOU. SORRY I COULDN'T MAKE IT TO THE FUNERAL AS I JUST HAD KNEE SURGERY.*

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**SUE CULBERT** - October 26, 2019 at 09:48 PM

JC

“ Jeffrey Culbert lit a candle in memory of Retta  
"Nanny" Swearingen



Jeffrey Culbert - October 26, 2019 at 10:28 AM

DB

“ Sincere sympathy from the Okmulgee High School Class of 1957,  
Oraetta's classmates. So sorry for your loss.

Donna W BOSS-MARTIN - October 25, 2019 at 09:38 AM

DK

“ A short walk from my porch to the Swearingen porch and the first  
sunshine of the morning came from the broad smile of Retta. I could  
set on the steps but set by Retta because i knew she would hold my  
hand. Retta didn't say much but patted my knee and asked if i was  
OK. Retta's was always generously kind to me, my family and my  
pups. Jack spoiled my dogs with a offering of cheese and Retta was  
no different. I'll miss these simple things but will always remember  
the pleasant times on that small porch. I was always at comfort  
while visiting because Retta, Jack and all the children had that  
same broad smile she passed on to them. God got a Angel but gave  
me the gift of knowing this sweet Lady.

Dan Kinnett

Dan Kinnett - October 23, 2019 at 09:47 PM

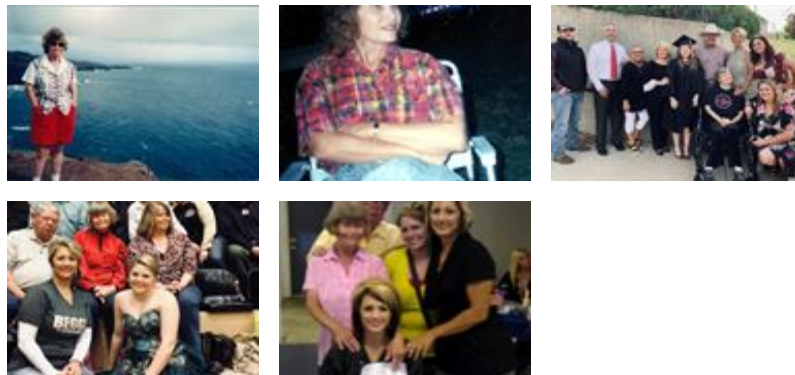
 Jerry  
Virden

“ So sorry to hear about Retta. We will be praying for you all. Jerry  
Virden

Jerry Virden - October 23, 2019 at 05:49 PM



“ 131 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - October 23, 2019 at 05:08 PM



“ *Trisha Matheson lit a candle in memory of Retta "Nanny" Swearingen*



Trisha Matheson - October 23, 2019 at 04:52 PM

VB

“ *I have known Retta all my life. There has never been a sweeter or kinder woman on this earth. My thoughts and prayers are with all your family. Vicki Brose*



Vicki Brose - October 23, 2019 at 04:23 PM

SR

“ *Sandra Rice lit a candle in memory of Retta "Nanny" Swearingen*



Sandra Rice - October 23, 2019 at 03:27 PM

DM

“ *Debbie (Culbert) Micheau lit a candle in memory of Retta "Nanny" Swearingen*



Debbie (Culbert) Micheau - October 21, 2019 at 05:28 PM

DM

“ *Shari and Bruce, I've known your mom and dad my whole life. Couldn;t ask for any better people. I know they are sitting up in heaven with dad talking about the good old days. Wish we could relive those days. Sorry for your loss. Love you guys.*

Debbie (Culbert) Micheau - October 21, 2019 at 05:24 PM

JP

“ *Shari and Bruce, I don't have to tell you how much you all, and your Mom and Dad meant to my Daddy. You were family to him. You all kept him busy after Mom passed, doing the things he loved to do. One word to describe your Mom would be "kind." She was truly a great lady, loved by everybody who knew her. She was always eager to help out anybody with anything. I am sorry for your loss.*

Judy Pendergrass - October 21, 2019 at 03:24 PM

AJ

“ I looked forward to seeing her beautiful smile and could always count on a hug. Missing her will be a tribute to the love she gave to you all... ❤️

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**Aunt Jody** - October 21, 2019 at 02:24 PM



What wonderful lady always had a smile, a joy to be around her every chance I could💙 my love to all her family

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**Trisha Matheson** - October 21, 2019 at 03:12 PM

NM

She was my best friend all through high school. I am so sorry to hear this news. One of the many things I remember most is her beautiful smile along with her sweet and caring personality. She is missed. My prayers are being sent for her family.

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**Nancy Moore** - October 26, 2019 at 12:15 AM