



## Rita May Branson

September 25, 1935 - December 15, 2021

Rita May Branson, long time resident of Beggs, Oklahoma passed away at home on Tuesday, December 14 at the age of 86. Rita was born on September 25, 1935 in rural Jasper, Missouri to Andrew Vonier and Bess Dunlop. She is survived by three sons Barry Branson and his wife Cindy of Sperry, Oklahoma; Jack Branson of Beggs, Oklahoma; John Branson and his wife Carrie of Tulsa, Oklahoma; two daughter-in-laws, Jenny Branson of Beggs, Oklahoma and Kathy Branson of Sapulpa, Oklahoma. She is also survived by 20 grand children, 19 great grand children and 3 great great grand children numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends. Rita was preceded in death by her husband, Barry Branson, four children Loretta Branson, Howard Branson, Richard Branson and Arthur Branson; one son-in-law Mike Whittenburg; her parents, Andrew and Bess Vonier, a Step-Mother Dorthy Vonier, five brothers Rex Vonier, Arlo Vonier, Maurice Vonier, Howard Vonier and Jerry Vonier; two Sisters Betty Lou Buxton and Lois Ross; and one step-sister Maurine Vonier.

Friends may visit the funeral home on Friday, December 17, 2021 from 2:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

A funeral service will be held 11:00 A.M. Saturday, December 18, 2021 at the Crossroads Baptist Church. Interment will follow in the Beggs Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Beggs. Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on Rita's Tribute Page of our website at [www.mcclendon-winters.com](http://www.mcclendon-winters.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Beggs Cemetery

West Hwy 16  
Beggs, OK

# Previous Events

## Viewing

DEC 17. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - Beggs  
205 West Main  
PO Box 750 (for mail)  
Beggs, OK 74421  
(918) 267-4444  
info@mcclendon-winters.com  
<https://www.mcclendon-winters.com>

## Funeral Service

DEC 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

Crossroads Baptist Church  
Beggs, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rita May Branson*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Kelly Campbell lit a candle in memory of Rita May Branson*



**Kelly Campbell** - December 12, 2022 at 04:32 PM



“ *Jay And Kaitlin Rouk lit a candle in memory of Rita May Branson*



**Jay and Kaitlin Rouk** - December 19, 2021 at 07:54 PM



“ *Rita was an icon for Beggs - while growing up I can remember she was always present for class parties, always smiling , very active in the community /church and loved her family dearly.*

**Suzanne Anderson Mcintosh** - December 18, 2021 at 10:05 PM

LC

“ *Linda Crook lit a candle in memory of Rita May Branson*



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**Linda Crook** - December 18, 2021 at 09:51 PM

VB

“ *To me Rita was a staple in Beggs. Since I was a young woman with a little boy that played/practiced coached by Barry, Rita has been a part of my life. She always had a smile for you. She was a wonderful example of what a mother should be. She will be richly missed. Loved and respected this lady so much. Prayers for all her family!*



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**Vicki Brose** - December 18, 2021 at 11:56 AM

MR

“ *Mark And Sheri Roe lit a candle in memory of Rita May Branson*



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**Mark and Sheri Roe** - December 18, 2021 at 09:36 AM

MS

“ *Megan Stone lit a candle in memory of Rita May Branson*



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**Megan Stone** - December 17, 2021 at 11:49 PM

JS

“ Jason & Kris Sadler lit a candle in memory of Rita May Branson



Jason & Kris Sadler - December 17, 2021 at 10:34 AM

SS

“ Stan & Paula (Culbert) Sowder lit a candle in memory of Rita May Branson



Stan & Paula (Culbert) Sowder - December 17, 2021 at 09:22 AM

SP

Dear Branson Family, Our hearts, thoughts and prayers go out to ALL of you. Rita was one-of-a-kind and loved by everyone!!!

Stan and Paula - December 17, 2021 at 09:25 AM

CC

“ Clay Copenhaver lit a candle in memory of Rita May Branson



Clay copenhaver - December 16, 2021 at 11:56 PM

LJ

“ Rita left such a legacy here in Beggs. Everyone loved Rita. She was someone who was so involved in the school & community. She worked hard raising her kids after Barry died. She will surely be missed. Prayers for her family. Love Les & JoAnn Johnston

Les & JoAnn - December 16, 2021 at 09:36 PM

KW

“ Katie Whitmer lit a candle in memory of Rita May Branson



Katie Whitmer - December 16, 2021 at 01:49 PM

JC

“ Jeffrey Lee Culbert lit a candle in memory of Rita May Branson



Jeffrey Lee Culbert - December 16, 2021 at 09:44 AM

Ken Daniels

“ I got many memories of Rita and many memories of me running from a whooping from Rita at the ball feilds as a youngster and wen she caught me she say ‘ yo mama told me to get you if you acted up so stop crying ! Loved Rita ! We bricked her retaining wall and she ragged on me the whole day ‘ just to keep my brother Kerry laughing at me ‘ it was fun that day ‘ love those memories with people who help bring me up in beggs ‘ that’s beggs ! Rita was beggs !!!!! I’ll miss driving by honking to get that wave ‘

Ken Daniels - December 16, 2021 at 09:00 AM

JY

“ Jennifer Yancey lit a candle in memory of Rita May Branson



Jennifer Yancey - December 15, 2021 at 11:22 PM

JB

“ Julie Varner Baker lit a candle in memory of Rita May Branson



Julie Varner Baker - December 15, 2021 at 10:19 PM

BS

“ Last time I saw Rita May was at the store right before Richard died. We hadn't seen each other in awhile and we laughed and shared old stories. My childhood memories will be forever rich when I think of all the times spent with the Branson's. We were all lucky people to have these experiences and memories that last a lifetime. I know Rita is rejoicing with all those Branson's that she has now rejoined. Love to the Branson family 💜

Brenda Smith - December 15, 2021 at 10:15 PM

WJ

“ Rita was a great lady that I will never forget. My thoughts and prayers are with all the Branson family!

Wesley Jones - December 15, 2021 at 08:14 PM

MH

“ I am so sorry for the family's loss. Everybody loved Grandma Rita! She was a beautiful lady inside and out and will be greatly missed.

Michelle Hardesty - December 15, 2021 at 07:26 PM

DH

“ Ms. Rita was a cornerstone of the community of Beggs and will always be in the hearts of those that knew and loved her. She was the epitome of faithful and true!!! What a woman!!

David Hamilton - December 15, 2021 at 06:41 PM

KC

“ A beautiful soul inside & out! Always had a smile & a kind word. She was very loved. Hugs & prayers for all of the Branson family.



Kelly Campbell - December 15, 2021 at 05:17 PM

KP

“ Karla Poe lit a candle in memory of Rita May Branson



Karla Poe - December 15, 2021 at 03:48 PM