



Betty Darlene Benson

December 1, 1937 - December 20, 2022

Funeral services for Betty Darlene Tull Benson will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, December 23, 2022, at the Alva First United Methodist Church with Pastor Katie Hill officiating. The services are entrusted to Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Betty Darlene Tull Benson, daughter of the late Dick Tull, Jr. and the late Billie Louise (Whiteford) Tull, was born December 1, 1937 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and passed away December 20, 2022, in Alva, Oklahoma, at the age of 85 years and 10 days. She was raised by her step-dad.

After living in several places, they moved to Alva on August 2, 1949. She graduated from Alva High School with the Class of 1955, lettering in Music and Speech and was a member of the Oklahoma and National Honor Society. She then attended Northwestern Oklahoma State University on a Music Scholarship.

Betty worked as a secretary at Vanderbilt University School of Law in Nashville, Tennessee. After moving back to Alva, she was a bookkeeper at Central National Bank for eight years, a payroll clerk in the Business Office at NWOSU for eight years, then as a bookkeeper at Starr Lumber Company where she retired after 30 years in 2006.

Betty was a member of the Alva First United Methodist Church where she sang in the Chancel Choir and played in the Sherrill Bell Choir, served as a delegate to the Annual Conference 3 years, and served on the Finance, Endowment, SPR and Nominating Committees. She was a member of the United Methodist Women where she served as president and the Priscilla Circle where she served as Treasurer.

She was very active in the Alva Order of Rainbow for Girls as Worthy Advisor and Grand Choir and served on the Advisory Board and received the Grand Cross of Color. She was a Charter Member of Alva Community Theatre, Inc. where she was on the Board and acted in many plays. She was a member of Chapter C. PEO and served as President and Treasurer. She was president of the Alva Research Club and a member of the Household Executives Home Extension Group. She served on the Board of Directors for Northwest Family Services and as Treasurer of Friends of the Alva Library. She was also a member of the Nescatunga Arts Council, the Cherokee Strip Museum and Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority. She enjoyed playing bridge, reading, sewing, and spending time with her family.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Sheree; two sisters, Dixie Marcum and Judi Simmons; and son-in-law, Steve Lyons.

Betty is survived by her children, Gerald Benson and wife, Renetta, of Alva, Amy Rude and husband, Jeff, of Bartlesville, and David Benson of Englewood, Colorado; her sisters, Linda Rogers and Jacque Bates, both of Nashville, Tennessee, and Glenna Hailey and husband, Bill, of Edmond.

She is also survived by her grandchildren, Melissa Zerbe and husband, Jon, of Oklahoma City, Josh Benson and wife, Casey, of Edmond, Willie Benson and wife, Celeste, of Alva, Michael Rude and Tyler Rude, both of Bartlesville, and Cody and Kyle Benson, both of Parker, Colorado; her great-

grandchildren, Dylan, Shelbee and Carter Glenn, Nolan, Wyatt, and Tynley Benson, and Henry Benson; other relatives and many friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Alva First United Methodist Church or Alva Community Theatre, Inc.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC **23**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
626 College Avenue
Alva, OK 73717

Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Darlene Benson*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *Prayers for your families. Betty was such an upbeat and loving woman! She will be dearly missed!*
Sonja and Neal Williams

Sonja M Williams - January 23, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Service Video*



Marshall Funeral Homes - December 26, 2022 at 01:48 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Video Tribute*



Marshall Funeral Homes - December 23, 2022 at 11:20 PM



“ *Heaven has gained another choir member!!
May each of your hearts overflow with special
memories of one so dear to you!*



DaleVaughna Schmidt - December 22, 2022 at 12:03 AM



“ *Betty was such a caring and thoughtful person. We shared many
stories together throughout the years each week while I styled her
hair . She and I went through cancer together, and I was very
blessed to call her my friend. She was a strong, determined
Christian person that had many hardships and blessings in her life.
She loved her family and her church and I know she is singing in the
choir right now. Love you Betty , Paula McMurphy*

Paula J. McMurphy - December 21, 2022 at 09:56 AM