



## Billye Jean Kniffin

April 28, 1928 - April 24, 2023

Graveside Services for Billye Jean Kniffin will be 12:30 p.m., Friday, April 28, 2023, at the Freedom Cemetery in Freedom with Rev. Ron Pingelton officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home in Alva.

Billye Jean Kniffin, daughter of Thomas Isaac “Ike” and Bertha Rae (Powers) Lake, was born April 28, 1928, at Stillwater, Oklahoma, and passed away April 24, 2023, at Alva, Oklahoma, at the age of 94 years, 11 months, and 27 days.

Billye graduated from Darrouzett High School in Texas where she made All State in basketball. Billye was a long time member of the First Christian Church in Freedom where she played the piano for many years. She was also a member of the Women’s Auxiliary at Freedom. After moving to Oklahoma City, she became a member of several bands which played at nursing homes. She was an avid bowler and participated on several bowling teams. She enjoyed watching all the grandchildren participate in sports activities. She was very involved in church and after moving to the Alva Homestead she transferred her membership to the First Christian Church in Alva. Billye loved playing the piano and mainly played by ear. While living at the Homestead she gave many piano concerts and provided entertainment for the residents.

Besides her parents and her husbands, Basil Wardrop and Joe Kniffin, she

was preceded in death by two brothers, Arlo Lake and Donald Lake; an infant sister, Barbara Jo Lake; and an infant granddaughter, Cher Wardrop.

Billye is survived by her son, James D. Wardrop and wife, Janice, of Alva, her daughter, Donna Jean Hurt of Edmond; five grandchildren, Tina Mieser and husband, Richard, of Alva, Bonner Wardrop and wife, Kari, of Alva, Justin Wardrop and wife, Lori, of Piedmont, Chad Novak and wife, Kendall, of Edmond, and Cari Novak of Edmond.

She is also survived by her great-grandchildren, Chance Davis, Blake Mieser, Elliana Utterback, Kelsey Wardrop, Eli Wardrop, Laney Wardrop, Landon Wardrop, Payton Novak, Dyson Novak, Riley Pebley, and Cassie Pebley; many other family and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the First Christian Church of Alva.

# Cemetery Details

**Freedom Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Viewing

APR **26**. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Marshall Funeral Home of Alva  
230 Flynn Street. P.O. Box 804  
Alva, OK 73717  
(580) 327-2311  
<https://www.marshallfuneralhomes.com/>

### Viewing

APR **27**. 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Marshall Funeral Home of Alva  
230 Flynn Street. P.O. Box 804  
Alva, OK 73717  
(580) 327-2311  
<https://www.marshallfuneralhomes.com/>

### Viewing

APR **28**. 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Marshall Funeral Home of Alva  
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Alva, OK 73717  
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## Graveside service

APR 28. 12:30 PM (CT)

Freedom Cemetery

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Billye Kniffin Service*



Marshall Funeral Homes - May 03, 2023 at 07:15 PM

PS

“ *Peewee Smith lit a candle in memory of Billye Jean Kniffin*



peewee smith - April 29, 2023 at 12:58 PM

LB

“ *JD, Donna and family. We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*  
*Larry & Lanora Bradt*

Larry & Lanora Bradt - April 28, 2023 at 01:57 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Video Tribute*



Marshall Funeral Homes - April 28, 2023 at 11:02 AM

BB

*What a beautiful lady and family 🌹🌹🌹 so sorry for your loss ....  
Love you all. Bernice Tyree. Charles Bird*

**Bernice Tyree. Charles Bird** - April 28, 2023 at 07:09 PM

CS

*“ Donna, JD and family. We're so sorry for the loss of your mother.  
You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Dale & Carolyn Sample*

**Carolyn Sample** - April 28, 2023 at 10:13 AM

JS

*“ JD and family. So sorry for your loss. May  
God be with your family in these sad times.*



**Jim Scribner** - April 25, 2023 at 10:31 PM

DW

*“ Billye was a special lady & Heaven is warmer  
with her arrival. We'll miss her here but will  
see her again. Sending my love, sympathy &  
prayers to J. D., Donna & families.*



**Dudley and Jeanne Winn** - April 25, 2023 at 08:08 PM



“ *Loved renewing acquaintance with Billye when she became a member of Alva First Christian Church. Years ago, we were friends during square dancing days at Freedom. She & Basil were awesome dancers! Heaven has gained an amazing pianist!!*



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**DaleVaughna Schmidt** - April 25, 2023 at 02:57 PM

SB

*Billye and family were our neighbors at one time. I loved the beautiful hymns that could be heard coming from her piano! Memories of Billye are laughter, music and love! That describes her! I pray for comfort for her loved ones in her loss.*

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**Sherry Beagley** - April 25, 2023 at 10:00 PM

PS

“ *Peewee Smith lit a candle in memory of Billye Jean Kniffin*



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**peewee smith** - April 25, 2023 at 02:37 PM

PS

*Billy was a very nice person. She always treated me nice and I loved listening to her played piano. I am so sorry for your loss. She was a great person and I loved her so much.*

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**peewee smith** - April 25, 2023 at 02:38 PM