



## Celia Lorraine Roots

June 12, 1936 - May 18, 2026

Funeral services for Celia Roots will be 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at Marshall Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Taylor Anderson officiating. Burial will follow in the Alva Municipal Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home.

Celia Lorraine, daughter of Cecil Vernon and Nina Ailene (Zimmer) Reed, was born June 12, 1936, at Yakima, Washington, and passed away peacefully May 18, 2026, at Alva at the age of 89 years, 11 months, and 6 days.

Celia was raised in Alva where she graduated in 1954 from Alva High School. On August 4, 1954, she was united in marriage to James Russell Roots at Medicine Lodge, Kansas. To this union two children were born: Roger and Rhonda. They made their home several places before settling in Moore, Oklahoma in 1965. While living in Moore she was the Office Manager for Silver Star Construction Company for about 20 years. In 1999, she and Russell returned to her hometown of Alva where she has lived the past 27 years.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women. Celia loved to play bridge with her friends and was an avid reader, especially a good mystery or thriller. She and Russell enjoyed traveling with the Do-Little Camping Club.

Besides her parents, Cecil and Ailene, she was preceded in death by her husband of nearly 62 years, Russell; and her son, Roger Roots.

Celia is survived by her daughter, Rhonda Barlow and her husband, Bill, of Overland Park, Kansas; her brother, Larry Reed and his wife, Kathleen, of Alva; her twin grandsons, Daniel Barlow of Overland Park, Kansas, and Andrew Barlow of Denver, Colorado; nephews and niece, Matt Reed and his wife, Maryse, of London, England, Scott Reed of Oklahoma City, J.V. Reed and his wife, Laurie, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Yolanda Tullis and her husband, Jason, of Cherokee; other relatives and many friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Alva Public Library.

# Cemetery Details

## Alva Municipal Cemetery

Flynn Street  
Alva, OK 73717

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAY **26**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Marshall Funeral Home Chapel  
230 Flynn  
Alva, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Service Video*



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**Marshall Funeral Homes** - May 27 at 04:49 PM

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“ Hui Cha Poos purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of *Celia Lorraine Roots*.



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**Hui Cha Poos** - May 26 at 11:52 AM

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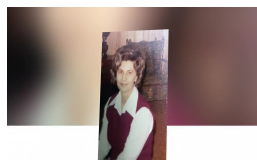
“ Hui Cha Poos planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of *Celia Lorraine Roots*.

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**Hui Cha Poos** - May 26 at 11:52 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Video Tribute*



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**Marshall Funeral Homes** - May 24 at 05:21 PM

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“ Aunt Celia was great. I remember when Grandpa Roots was in the hospital in OKC and we stayed with Uncle Russell and Aunt Celia. This had to be in the late 80s early 90s.

*I was washing dishes and Aunt Celia was drying. She said to me, "You don't wash the silverware handles!?! You need to wash those you don't know where those (I'll say STICKY but that's not what she said) little fingers have been." I laughed so hard but to this day I can't wash dishes without thinking of her and I always wash the handles very well.*

*She will always be in my heart.*

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**Yolanda Tullis** - May 22 at 02:25 PM