



## Christina Bixler

December 20, 1922 - March 2, 2019

Funeral services for Christina Bixler will be 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, 2019, at the Marshall Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Michael Taylor and Derrick Thomas officiating.

We will be rejoicing in music with Ken Reich. Interment will be in the Alva Municipal Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Christina was born to Harry and Anna Whittet on a snowy winter night on December 20, 1922, in Dacoma, Oklahoma. She left this earth to her heavenly home March 2, 2019, at the age of 96 years, 2 months, and 12 days.

Christina grew up in the depression years on a farm near Dacoma under the loving guidance of her dear parents whom she deeply loved and respected. She helped her mother plant gardens and spent hours riding horses and helping her dad with the chores. She attended a country grade school, many times walking those two miles. Those walks are when she first developed her love of nature, wild flowers, and birds along the way. She graduated from Dacoma High and Northwestern State College in Alva.

On March 8, 1942, she married Verle R. Bixler in Wichita, Kansas, where they lived until September of that year when Verle enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. They lived in San Diego, California, where Verle was stationed

for four years. Upon his discharge in 1946, they moved back to Alva where he was engaged in farming and ranching.

Verle and Chris were foster parents to Rene Andre from the Baptist Children's Home during his high school years. They also opened their home to International Students through the BSU as well as participating in the Home Away From Home Program. Their home was also opened to Christina's father who lived with them 13 years after Chris' mother's death—and with no regrets.

Chris and Verle were active members of the First Baptist Church where they helped sponsor many youth retreats during the years their children were growing up. They were lifetime members of Gideon's International and delivered Bibles to schools, hospitals, and wherever needed. They also supported several children in Haiti through Feed the Children. Chris also worked with Franklin Graham's Operation Christmas Child.

Her love for God and nature, her flower garden, and the song of birds were all expressed in her talent of painting. She enjoyed remembering others with her greeting cards designed with her trusty paint brush. The Bible, always open, placed on the kitchen table was a great source of comfort and hope.

Besides her parents, she was preceded by her long time friend and soul-mate, Verle, went on to live with Jesus in 1998, and their precious daughter, Gina, joined him there in 2013.

Christina is survived by her children, Vickie Eshleman and husband, Jerry, of Cherokee, and her son, Dick Bixler and wife, Nancy, of Pratt, Kansas; her son-in-law, Porter Rogers of Oklahoma City; five grandchildren, Tina Buck and husband, Mark, of Medicine Lodge, Troy Eshleman and wife, Christina, of Cherokee, Matt Bixler of Freedom, Jessica Sutton of Edmond, and Justin Rogers, and wife, Megan, of Cashion; seven great grandchildren, Joshua

Buck and wife, Jill, Taylor Buck, Savanna Eshleman, Kacie Eshleman, Gibson Rogers, Blayze Sutton, and Mattie Bixler; two great-great-grandchildren, Palmer Buck and Wade Buck; other relatives and friends.

She leaned on many Bible promises as in Matthew: If God sees the sparrow fall, paints the lilies short and tall, gives the sky their azure blue, will He not then care for you? A Bible verse she leaned on in 3rd John: "I have no greater joy than this to know that my precious family are living their lives in the Lord."

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation for Diabetes research.

# Cemetery Details

## Alva Municipal Cemetery

Flynn Street  
Alva, OK 73717

# Previous Events

## Chapel Service

MAR 5. 1:00 PM (CT)

Marshall Funeral Home Chapel  
230 Flynn  
Alva, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ *Christina Bixler*

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January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about Chris's passing! She was a good example of a Christian woman to me and many others! We felt so blessed to have her as a friend and as a "card exchange buddy" throughout the years!*

*I have missed seeing Chris and receiving those hugs after we moved, but still staying in touch was Important. Now knowing she is in heaven is a reassuring feeling to all of us.*

*Bob and Monica Schmidt*

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**Monica Schmidt** - March 17, 2019 at 11:40 AM



“ *We are saddened for the family to hear of Christina's passing from this life, but rejoice for her as she has seen her Lord and Savior face to face. From reading her obituary, she was an amazing Christian woman who lived for others as Christ commanded us all to do. I wish I would have known her in this life, but I know i will see her in eternity.*

*Steve Hoffsommer on behalf of all members of the Enid Gideon Camp.*

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**Steve Hoffsommer** - March 09, 2019 at 12:34 PM

VW

“ Christina was a very sweet lady with a wonderful personality. God bless all her family with comfort and peace.



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**Virgil and Lavon Wiersig** - March 08, 2019 at 05:32 PM

SJ

“ I always enjoyed talking to Cousin Christina long distance & catching up on family members I had not seen since a young child. Thank you Vickie for calling me. Love and prayers to all, cousin Sue James (Glendale, Az)

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**Sue James** - March 07, 2019 at 02:14 PM

DW

“ I met Miss Chris on my first night in Alva. I was a college freshman who had just moved into the dorm that morning. I came to Sunday night service and she and a few other amazing women greeted me and made me feel so at home. She then became my Adopt-a-College student mentor that year and she was a joy to get to know. A fun memory of Chris is when I asked her to fish-sit for me when I went home for a weekend. She took such great care of my fish and we always laughed together at that memory. She so looked forward to meeting her Lord and I celebrate with her in that today she is with HIM.

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**Dena Walker** - March 05, 2019 at 09:18 AM

BC

“ My family and myself were blessed to know Christina and Verle, I became a man on their watch and learned so much not only work ethic but how to love others and be a good man.  
I owe them a lot and want to send my heartfelt condolences to Vickie and Dicks families.  
good job faithful servant

Brad Chegvidden - March 05, 2019 at 12:46 AM

MR

“ I am so sorry to hear of Chris's passing. She and Verle were a big part of my life the last year that I lived in Alva. I spent many evenings sharing meals and playing Jokers with them. They were such godly people that I am blessed to have had in my life. I know that you will miss her, but there is also the great peace in knowing that she is in the arms of Jesus and rejoicing around the His throne with Verle, Gina, and other family members that have gone before and that someday we will join them. Thank you for calling and letting me know. Love and hugs to all of the family. Mary Jo (Keltch) Robertson

Mary Jo Robertson - March 04, 2019 at 06:16 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christina Bixler.



March 04, 2019 at 05:07 PM



“ *My aunt Christina was a beautiful and wonderful person. I have missed her sweet smile and personality for many years. She and Verle were a beautiful couple from my childhood. Larry Fugit*

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**Carol Fugit** - March 04, 2019 at 03:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Christina Bixler.*



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March 04, 2019 at 01:38 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Christina Bixler.*



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March 04, 2019 at 11:34 AM



“ *This lady was a very sweet lady! Just loved her coming into the bank. She knew my Dad and we had some talks. You might think you were having a bad day and she would come in . Her smile was so contagious. Prayers for the family. Barbara Sacket*



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**Barbara Sacket** - March 03, 2019 at 04:56 PM



“ Chris was such a beautiful lady, filled with the love of Jesus. I am so sorry for your loss.

Pam Knabe-Lyon - March 03, 2019 at 03:44 PM



“ Vickie,  
I am sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was such a lovely lady. May God comfort you and your family especially during this difficult time. Sandy Harth Pendergraft

Sandy Harth Pendergraft - March 03, 2019 at 02:41 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Christina Bixler.



March 03, 2019 at 11:26 AM



“ A beautiful angel heaven has gained.....

Jane Gaskill - March 03, 2019 at 10:10 AM



“ Vickie, Dick and all Christina's family we are saddened to hear of your loss. may our prayers be with you all at this time of sorrow. GOD'S love will ease your pain..

Jim & Marilyn Davison - March 03, 2019 at 08:39 AM

PK

“ *Christina was a dear friend, loved by so many. May she rest in peace with prayers and comfort to her family who will miss her dearly. Cherish the precious memories of her always. Blessings to each of you. Pauline & Roger Kassik and family.*

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**Pauline Kassik** - March 03, 2019 at 12:44 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Christina Bixler.*



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March 02, 2019 at 08:31 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Christina Bixler.*



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March 02, 2019 at 06:29 PM