



Gayla Joan Nelson

March 1, 1937 - June 27, 2015

Funeral services for Gayla Joan Nelson will be 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 1, 2015, at the Alva Wesleyan Church with Pastor John Smith officiating. Interment will be in the Alva Municipal Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Gayla Joan Nelson, daughter of the late Thomas and Celesta Mary (Burnidge) Howell, was born September 1, 1937, on the family farm in Woods County, Oklahoma, and passed away June 27, 2015, at Derby, Kansas, at the age of 77 years, 9 months, and 26 days.

Joan graduated from Alva High School. She worked as a bank teller at Central National Bank for several years. In January, 1987, she was united in marriage to Forrest Nelson at Bartlesville, Oklahoma. They made their home in Alva where she worked as a Deputy Clerk in the Treasurer's office for over 40 years until her retirement.

She was a member of the Alva Wesleyan Church and the Red Hat Society. She enjoyed quilting, attending football and basketball games, watching the Oklahoma City Thunder and going to the Senior Citizen's Center.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother-in-law, Bill Wunschel.

Joan is survived by her husband, Forrest, of Alva; two daughters, Connie Rutherford and husband, Rick, of Derby, Kansas, Kelly Miller and husband, Butch, of Bartlesville; one son, Billy Dimmick and wife, Lisa, of Alva; one step daughter, Diane Miller and husband, Bill, of Bartlesville; one step son, Danny

Nelson and wife, Juli, of Fenton, Missouri; siblings, Jeanie Wunschel of Alva, Marion Howell and wife, Lyndell, of Alva, and Tommy Howell of Alva;, and Erlene Morehart and husband, Dennis, of Enid.

Also surviving are grandchildren, Dana Bartel and husband, Andy, of Derby, Kansas, Mika Roark and husband, Sean, of Overland Park, Kansas, Brie Miller and Sam Miller, both of Bartlesville, Connor Dimmick and Sydney Dimmick, both of Alva, Shelby Adair of Alva; step grandchildren, Brock Nelson and wife, Hannah, of Kansas City, Missouri, Jared Nelson of Kansas City, Kansas, Amber Calhoun and husband, Brad, of Kansas City, Kansas, Kyle Kempf and wife, Megan, of Quincy, Illinois, and Chelsey Kempf of Bartlesville; great grandchildren, Peyton and Keagan Bartel, both of Derby, Kansas, Addalie and Tyler Adair; step great grandchildren, Karina, Kyler, and Kamiya Kempf, all of Bartlesville, and Corban Nelson of Kansas City, Missouri; other relatives and many friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Hephzibah Childrens Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Gayla Joan Nelson*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *Many thoughts of love, sympathy and prayers go out to Joan's family. May beautiful memories bring you comfort, peace and strength. Joan was a very sweet lady. God bless all of you.*

Virgil and Lavon Wiersig - June 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *SYMPATHY TO FORREST AND HER FAMILY--SHE WAS A GREAT ASSET TO THIS COMMUNITY*

JUDY MARTIN - June 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Peace and comfort to the family. A very loving lady who loved all people. She will be missed.*

Bill and Linda Beeler - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Tommy & family of Joan, So sorry for your loss. We offer our prayers & sympathy.*

Dudley - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Joan was a special lady, even before she graced Forrest's family's life. She is at peace now, and we can hope to see her again some day. My deepest condolences to the family.*

Ida Evans - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our sympathy to Forrest and the entire family. May God comfort you in your sorrow as you mourn the loss of Joan. She was a sweet lady and will be missed by many. Tom & Cynthia Nighswonger*

June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *The Class of 1977 extends their deepest sympathy to the family of Joan Nelson.*

Julie Davison Helm - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *I'm sorry to hear of Joan's passing. She was a very nice lady.*

Lila Henry Sherlock - June 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ *Sending sincere condolences in the loss of Joan. I cherish our friendship, and the years working (indirectly) together at the court house. Praying each of you may be consoled by special memories of your wife, mother, grandmother, sister. Our earthly loss is Heaven's gain of another Angel.*

Dale - June 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM