



## Glenda Fern Tomberlin

April 12, 1935 - October 20, 2025

Funeral services for Glenda Tomberlin will be 1:00 p.m. Saturday, October 25, 2025, at the College Hill Church of Christ with Felix Kneuper officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home. Burial will be 11:00 a.m. November 1, 2025, at Red Hill Cemetery in Hammon, Oklahoma. There will be a visitation with family on Friday, October 24, from 5-7:00 p.m.

Glenda Fern (Bentley) Tomberlin, daughter of Ben and Beulah (Burch) Bentley, was born April, 12, 1935, in Moorewood, Oklahoma, and passed away October 20, 2025, with her loving husband, Bill, gently holding her hand, at Alva, at the age of 90 years, 6 months, and 8 days.

She attended Red Star school, a one room school. Her family later moved to Hammon, Oklahoma. She was a standout at basketball and track while in school at Hammon and this is where she met Billy Ray Tomberlin, whom she married. In all, they shared over 75 years together.

Bill and Glenda were married on November 23, 1951, which was also Bill's birthday. He would never have an excuse to forget their anniversary. They spent their honeymoon each playing for their respective high school basketball teams. Later the next year, they moved to Sapulpa where they welcomed a son, Steven Ray. They moved to Alva in 1958, where they welcomed their daughter, Machele Kay.

Glenda's love of faith and family was displayed in all that she did. As a long time member of the College Hill Church of Christ, she taught bible classes and helped with benevolence efforts. She hosted dozens of students that attended the College Hill School of Music for several years. Glenda was an adoptive mother for several NWOSU students. One of her favorite things to do was planning the yearly Christmas party for Shalloup Packing Company, where Bill was an owner. She loved mentoring young mothers and wives at College Hill. For many years, she discreetly (until now, sorry Glenda) donated to the food program at Alva Public Schools, helping ensure that children would not go hungry. She also worked for the Woods County Election Board.

Her favorite role was that of "Grandma". Whether a grandchild, great grandchild, or great great grandchild, each was convinced they were Grandma's favorite. She loved to cook for her family and her family loved for her to cook. Her favorite times were having the entire family gathered for a holiday at the farm.

Besides her parents, Ben and Beulah, she was preceded in death by one brother and five sisters; her son, Steven Ray and his wife, Kay (Vickers); a grandson, Heath Tomberlin; and a great grandson, Kevin McCay (Stone) Tomberlin.

Glenda is survived by her husband, Billy Ray of Alva; a sister, Betty Cordum of Elk City; a daughter, Mabelle Wilson and husband, David, of Tulsa; grandchildren, Chad Tomberlin and wife, Jennifer, Joshua Tomberlin and wife, Cindy, Ryne Wilson and wife, Shannon, Evan Wilson, Brooks Wilson and wife, Kaitlyn, and Brady Wilson; great grandchildren, Steven Jack Tomberlin, Jacob Summers, Anthony Summers, Blaine Tomberlin and wife, Alissa, Bentley Tomberlin and wife, Tiana, Cash Tomberlin, Cody Tomberlin, Baker Wilson, Bridger Wilson, Evangeline Wilson, Briggeston Wilson, Braylon Wilson, and

Brushton Wilson, along with seven great great grandchildren; other relatives and many friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to College Hill Church of Christ Bible Chair.

# Previous Events

## Visitation with Family

OCT **24.** 5:00 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/>

## Funeral Service

OCT **25.** 1:00 PM (CT)

College Hill Church of Christ  
1102 College Blvd.  
Alva, OK 73717

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Video Tribute*



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**Marshall Funeral Homes** - October 30, 2025 at 07:00 PM



“ #1 - Our first child was born while we lived in Alva, Sean Kneuper. I went into labor on a very early Sunday morning. My husband was the only man from church who could enter the prison to perform the worship service and my labor was progressing very slowly, promising baby's arrival much later in the day. Glenda graciously offered to stay with me so Felix could go ahead and do a short service at the prison, then he rushed back. I was scared about the labor process as a first time mom, but Glenda saw it, read me like a book, and offered to stay with me right up to Sean's birth, if I wanted, even after Felix got back with several hours to spare. She knew my mom couldn't be there, so she offered herself. She always did that, served any way she could. Glenda did stay with me and was one of the first to hold Sean and welcome him into the world. She was family. She taught me a lot about caring for my baby. She also set a high bar for being a godly wife and I often prayed for God to give me that calm and gentle spirit that Glenda had. #2-I remember fondly many cups of coffee shared with both Glenda and Bill around their table, times full of laughter, stories, and just general conversation. One day Glenda had some relatives visiting, all women and she invited me to sit and visit with everyone. Someone had made a delicious jar of pickles, so they decided to open it and try them out. One large dill pickle was tasted and passed on to the next person to take a bite, passed around the table, everyone taking a bite, until it came to Glenda. She took a bite, also commenting how delicious it was, then without even looking, she passed the pickle to ME! I wasn't sure what to do with a pickle shared by so many and Glenda started laughing and apologizing . She said she forgot I wasn't kin and cut off a piece for me from the other end of the pickle. Glenda made me feel like family. She never thought twice about how to make you feel welcomed. I loved her so much. She was the most godly woman I have ever known and I'm gonna miss her.

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Lenora Kneuper - October 25, 2025 at 12:53 PM

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“ Sympathy and prayers to all the family in your time of loss. Mrs. Tomberlin was a sweet lady and was admired for her strength and caring. Cynthia and Tom Nighswonger

Cynthia Nighswonger - October 24, 2025 at 06:21 PM

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“ Bill, Machele and Family, we send our love to you in the loss of Glenda!! I always admired her strength and her love for her family. May you find peace in the precious memories you have !! Love to all  
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Larry and Carolyn Woods - October 24, 2025 at 12:30 PM

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“ Phil, LaVona and Ron Tomberlin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Glenda Fern Tomberlin.

Phil, LaVona and Ron Tomberlin - October 24, 2025 at 12:00 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Glenda Fern Tomberlin.



October 24, 2025 at 12:00 PM

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“ *As a kid it was always so much fun to visit aunt Glenda and uncle Bill at their Alva farm. We never knew what we would get to do but it was always an experience we looked forward to.*



*Aunt Glenda was always so loving and made us feel welcome. As a young kid and as an older adult, she was always so welcoming and always wanted to feed us and make us feel at home.*

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David Tomberlin - October 23, 2025 at 08:37 PM