



## Kathryn Denise Churchill

January 2, 1955 - January 6, 2025

Funeral services for Kathryn Denise Churchill will be held 11:00 AM, Saturday, January 11, 2025 at Hopeton Church in Hopeton, OK. Burial to follow at Alva Municipal Cemetery in Alva. Visitation with the family will be from 4-6 PM, Friday, January 10, 2025 at the funeral home. Arrangements are under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Kathryn Denise Churchill was born to Dale Eugene and Alma “Darlene” (Bowman) Johnston on January 2, 1955 in Woodward, OK. She grew up, along with her sisters, Yolanda, Becky, and Charlotte, in the Woodward area, except for a short time, when the family moved to Missouri. Kathy had a fun, but not always easy, childhood. She looked back, even in the trying times, with fond memories. Later in life she knew that it was in those moments that her relationship with the Lord was building.

After graduating from Woodward High School in 1973, Kathy attended Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva, OK, for two years, earning an Associates Degree in Secretarial Accounting. It was during her time at Northwestern that she met and married Terry Ross. The two were blessed with two children, Joni and Jennifer.

Kathy knew God at an early age, looking to her grandparents and parents for that example. The earliest account of her spreading the gospel was on the

playground of Horace Mann Elementary school in Woodward, OK, in the early 1960s. She boldly walked up to a little girl named Billie Mancillas and asked, “Do you know who God is?” That was the beginning of a close friendship that sustained throughout the remainder of her life. As a young mother, Kathy began to build a stronger relationship with God. Her health and life circumstances brought many challenges through which she relied heavily on the Lord to overcome. After trying several different churches, she found her home at Hopeton Wesleyan Church in 1986. She spent the remainder of her life in service to God through her church. Kathy had a true servant-heart and she used that gift to serve in any way that she could. For a period of time, she sang on the worship team and served as a church greeter, but she is perhaps best known for her dedication to the church’s children’s ministry, where many children came to know her as Miss Kathy. While in that role, she did her part to teach them that “God is So Good”! Kathy received one of her greatest blessings when she married the love of her life, Bradley Dean Churchill, on January 2, 2002. Bradley also considers Kathy to be his greatest gift from God. Together, the couple continued to build a life of service to God, their church, and their family.

Early in her career, Kathy lived in Carmen, OK. During that time, she ran the Carmen Insurance Agency and worked as a secretary for Magic Circle Energy. In 1985, she began working for Assistant District Attorney, Tom Gruber, as his secretary. After his time in office, she followed him to his private practice and served as the secretary for Gruber and Cunningham Law Office until the early 2000s. For the next twenty-one years, she worked for Central National Bank, later Bank Central NA, until her retirement in 2020. Through the years, Kathy earned the reputation of a trusted and dedicated employee who always brought joy to those she greeted. It was in her retirement that she was able to dedicate herself full-time to her most cherished job—being Nana. Even before her retirement, Kathy was a very present Nana. Following her retirement she packed in a lifetime of grandmotherly duties. She attended as

many activities as she possibly could, spending many evenings and weekends at rodeo grounds, sports venues, recital halls, concert venues, birthday parties, or just spending quality time with her family in the living room. Whenever she was present, her grandchildren were at her side. She was intentional in making even the most insignificant moments special and meaningful.

Kathy was diagnosed with breast cancer for the first time in September of 1997. She prayed and believed for healing. God was faithful on that call, giving her twenty-seven wonderful years to build a beautiful family, leave a lasting legacy, and spread the gospel of God to everyone she encountered. In life, Kathy relied fully on God to sustain her and was a fervent prayer warrior. Together with her husband, Bradley, she followed the Bible in every step of life's journey. The couple lived out their favorite scripture, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6. She received complete healing from her twenty-seven year fight with metastatic breast cancer as she entered into the arms of Jesus, her Lord and Savior, on Monday, January 6, 2025, at the age of 70 years and 4 days.

Kathryn was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Yolanda. She is survived by her husband, Bradley Dean Churchill, of Alva; two children, Joni (Ross) Erikson and husband, Cody, of Morrison, OK; Jennifer (Ross) Winfrey and husband, Weston, of Pratt, KS, two bonus children, Jessica (Churchill) Kriegh and husband, Michael, of Alva; Jacob Churchill, of Troy, MO. Kathryn is also survived by her beloved grandchildren, Jaxon Erikson, Walker, Wren, Wraylee, and Weslyn Winfrey, Benjamin, Georgia and Elliette Kriegh; parents-in-love, Arthur and Karen Churchill of Searcy, AR; two sisters, Rebecca White and husband, Bob, of Woodward, OK, Charlotte Clary and husband, Scott, of Mooreland, OK; step sister, Tammy Rowekamp and husband Keith of

Edmond, OK; step brother, Marvin Bozarth and wife Georgia of Virginia; a best friend of 64 years, Billie (Mancilles) Coughlin and husband, Pat, of Temple, TX; and many other relatives and friends.

Contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Hopeton Wesleyan Church Victory Fund to assist in reaching people for Jesus, a central mission for Kathy.

# Cemetery Details

## Alva Municipal Cemetery

Flynn Street  
Alva, OK 73717

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 10.** 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation with Family

**JAN 10.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Marshall Funeral Home of Alva  
230 Flynn Street. P.O. Box 804  
Alva, OK 73717  
(580) 327-2311  
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## Funeral Service

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JAN 11. 11:00 PM (CT)

Hopeton Wesleyan Church  
19390 County Rd 440  
Hopeton, OK 73746

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Funeral Service*



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**Marshall Funeral Homes** - January 24, 2025 at 05:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Kathryn Denise Churchill*.



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January 10, 2025 at 04:21 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Kathryn Denise Churchill*.



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January 10, 2025 at 02:48 PM



“ *From Savannah White-Lewis* purchased the *Full Of Love Bouquet* for the family of *Kathryn Denise Churchill*.



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**From Savannah White-Lewis** - January 10, 2025 at 01:50 PM

YK

“ Your Kentucky family the Kriegh’s purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Kathryn Denise Churchill.



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**Your Kentucky family the Kriegh’s** - January 10, 2025 at 01:11 PM

WR

“ With love, Luke and Sue Ream purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Kathryn Denise Churchill.



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**With love, Luke and Sue Ream** - January 10, 2025 at 11:16 AM

LF

“ Love The Andrea Nichols Family purchased the *Medium Dish Garden* for the family of Kathryn Denise Churchill.



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**Love The Andrea Nichols Family** - January 09, 2025 at 02:29 PM

LF

“ Love The Andrea Nichols Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathryn Denise Churchill.

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**Love The Andrea Nichols Family** - January 09, 2025 at 02:29 PM

LF

“ Love your Legacy Family purchased the Treasure  
d Lilies Spray for the family of Kathryn Denise  
Churchill.



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**Love your Legacy Family** - January 09, 2025 at 02:24 PM

LF

“ Love your Legacy Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathryn Denise  
Churchill.

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**Love your Legacy Family** - January 09, 2025 at 02:24 PM

BU

“ Barry & Tricia Ungles planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathryn Denise  
Churchill.

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**Barry & Tricia Ungles** - January 09, 2025 at 01:40 PM

BU

“ Barry & Tricia Ungles purchased the Full Of Love  
Bouquet for the family of Kathryn Denise  
Churchill.



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**Barry & Tricia Ungles** - January 09, 2025 at 01:40 PM

CG

“ Central/West/Alva Measurement Group planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathryn Denise Churchill.

Central/West/Alva Measurement Group - January 09, 2025 at 01:35 PM

CG

“ Central/West/Alva Measurement Group purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kathryn Denise Churchill.



Central/West/Alva Measurement Group - January 09, 2025 at 01:35 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathryn Denise Churchill.

January 09, 2025 at 01:28 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Kathryn Denise Churchill.



January 09, 2025 at 01:28 PM

TC

“ Ty, Vanessa, Victor and Tianna Cornwell purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Kathryn Denise Churchill.



Ty, Vanessa, Victor and Tianna Cornwell - January 09, 2025 at 12:54 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathryn Denise Churchill.



January 09, 2025 at 11:51 AM

MJ

“ Mitch & Josie purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Kathryn Denise Churchill.



Mitch & Josie - January 09, 2025 at 11:33 AM

AE

“ Always such a very nice person!

Annie Evans - January 09, 2025 at 06:23 AM

JA

“ She was my Sunday school teacher when she lived in Carmen. She was a very sweet lady. Prayers to her family.

Janet Hawley Adams - January 08, 2025 at 10:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathryn Denise Churchill.

January 08, 2025 at 03:26 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathryn Denise Churchill.



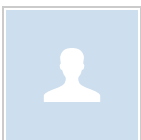
January 08, 2025 at 03:26 PM



“ Carla K. purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Kathryn Denise Churchill.



Carla K. - January 08, 2025 at 02:34 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Kathryn Denise Churchill.



January 08, 2025 at 12:31 PM

CH

“ *Clint, Leah, Reagan, Kendall, and Hallie purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Kathryn Denise Churchill.*



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**Clint, Leah, Reagan, Kendall, and Hallie** - January 08, 2025 at 09:53 AM

PO

“ *Kathy and I shared the bond of a breast cancer survivor and we would commiserate on different aspects or affects we shared..she was always so upbeat and kept her sweet disposition..I'll miss seeing her gorgeous smile!*



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**Peggy ONeil** - January 08, 2025 at 09:52 AM

VS

“ *Kathy shared her contagious smile with everyone!! She definitely will be missed. May your hearts be warmed by special memories of one so dear to you!*



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**Vaughna Schmidt** - January 08, 2025 at 09:26 AM

DW

“ *Dudley And Jeanne Winn lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Denise Churchill*



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**Dudley and Jeanne Winn** - January 08, 2025 at 12:59 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kathryn Denise Churchill.*



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January 07, 2025 at 10:11 PM



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January 07, 2025 at 09:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kathryn Denise Churchill.*



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January 07, 2025 at 09:24 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathryn Denise Churchill.*



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January 07, 2025 at 09:16 PM

TW

“ *The Wades planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathryn Denise Churchill.*

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**The Wades** - January 07, 2025 at 07:40 PM

TW

“ *The Wades purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Kathryn Denise Churchill.*



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**The Wades** - January 07, 2025 at 07:40 PM

CE

“ *I'm So Sorry to hear about losing Kathy.. My Prayers are with her Family*



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**Charlotte Holt Edwards** - January 07, 2025 at 07:28 PM