



Marian Ruth Roberts

March 2, 1944 - October 6, 2025

Memorial services for Marian Roberts will be on 11:00 a.m., Saturday, October 18, 2025, at Alva First United Methodist Church with Taylor Anderson, officiating. The family will greet family and friends Friday, October 17 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Arrangements are under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Marian Ruth, daughter of the late August Louis and Marian "Ruth" (Kuhn) Bergman, was born on March 2, 1944, at Picher, Oklahoma, and passed away unexpectedly on October 6, 2025, in Oklahoma City at the age of 81 years, 7 months, and 4 days.

Marian was raised in Baxter Springs, Kansas, where she attended elementary school. Her family moved to Miami, Oklahoma during seventh grade. She attended junior high and part of high school in Miami and moved back to Baxter Springs before her senior year in high school where she graduated in 1962. She graduated from Kansas State College of Pittsburg (Pittsburg State University) in 1966 with a Bachelor of Science in Education. She was a lifelong learner and eventually earned Masters degrees in Math and School Administration. She taught school in Lamar, Missouri, Baxter Springs, Kansas, Dewey, Oklahoma, Butler, Oklahoma and eventually was an Elementary School Principal in Arapaho, Oklahoma and Fowler, Kansas. Marian found joy in teaching and loved to teach Math and Reading.

On August 14, 1965, she was united in marriage to Thomas Paul Roberts at Baxter Springs, Kansas. The couple had two daughters, Melinda Joy and Stephanie Lyn. The family lived in Baxter Springs, then Dewey, and Clinton. After retiring as an educator in Oklahoma, Marian and Tom moved to Fowler, Kansas for six years before locating to Alva in 2005.

Marian was a member of the First United Methodist Church. She loved sewing, baking and reading. She and Tom loved to go camping during the summer months and were active members of the Dolittle Camping Club. They also took many trips throughout the United States.

Besides her parents, August and Ruth, she was preceded in death by her in-laws Leroy and Gertrude Roberts.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Thomas Roberts of Alva; her daughters Melinda Barton and husband, Paul, of Alva, and Stephanie Cloud and husband, Jerry Joe, of Claremore; her brother, Dr. Donald R. Bergman and wife, Carole, of Tulsa; her grandchildren, Kelsey Gibson and husband, Kody, of Cherokee, Kennedy Cloud of Elk City, Kaden Cloud of Claremore, Emily Barton of Norman, and Andrew Barton of Pittsburg, Kansas; one great-grandchild, Kailer Gibson; many other relatives and many friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Alva Public Library or the First United Methodist Church.

Previous Events

Visitation with Family

OCT 17. 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

OCT 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
626 College Avenue
Alva, OK 73717

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Video Tribute*



Marshall Funeral Homes - October 18, 2025 at 04:06 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Service Video*



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“ *Kate P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marian Ruth Roberts.*

Kate P. - October 16, 2025 at 05:11 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marian Ruth Roberts.*



October 16, 2025 at 05:11 PM

LH

“ Love, Amy & Darren Hatter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marian Ruth Roberts.

Love, Amy & Darren Hatter - October 15, 2025 at 11:37 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Marian Ruth Roberts.



October 15, 2025 at 11:37 AM

PJ

“ Marian often accompanied Tom when he came to work on my house so we would sit in the living room and talk the day away. I loved our conversations and getting to know her.

Pam Jones - October 14, 2025 at 12:05 AM

AC

“ Alpha Chi Omega House Corporation purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Marian Ruth Roberts.



Alpha Chi Omega House Corporation - October 13, 2025 at 05:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marian Ruth Roberts.*



October 13, 2025 at 12:10 PM



“ *Kevin F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marian Ruth Roberts.*

Kevin F. - October 13, 2025 at 12:10 PM



“ *Mike and Cynthia Bergman purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Marian Ruth Roberts.*



Mike and Cynthia Bergman - October 11, 2025 at 09:09 AM



“ *Hunter, Robert and Jeannie Horton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marian Ruth Roberts.*

Hunter, Robert and Jeannie Horton - October 10, 2025 at 07:43 PM

HH

“ Hunter, Robert and Jeannie Horton purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Marian Ruth Roberts.



Hunter, Robert and Jeannie Horton - October 10, 2025 at 07:43 PM

RM

“ Rachel & Brendan Mitchelson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Marian Ruth Roberts.



Rachel & Brendan Mitchelson - October 10, 2025 at 06:23 PM