



## Sonya Sue Cummins

January 3, 1936 - November 9, 2021

Sonya Sue Cummins, of Waynoka, died suddenly on November 9, 2021, after a brief illness. She was born January 3, 1936, to LeRoy and Violet Noreen Thornhill Meek of Belva, Oklahoma. She graduated from Waynoka High School in 1953 and attended Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College in Stillwater. Just as she graduated, the college name was changed to Oklahoma State University.

After graduation, Sonya purchased a Dusk Pearl and Imperial Ivory (Pink with white top) 1957 Chevrolet Bel-Air hardtop (with 283 cubic inch V8 producing 210 HP) in order to travel to her first teaching job. She taught what was called Home Economics for a short time, before marrying Virgil Cummins and moving to a farm north of Freedom, Oklahoma. The couple had two children, Debra and Donald. They later divorced.

In 1978, Sonya earned her Master's Degree and began a new teaching career in Waynoka. Before retiring in 2004, she taught students of all grade levels in multiple subjects. A highlight of her career was accompanying students to the National History Day Contest in Washington, D.C. During holiday seasons, she would bake home-made cookies for her students.

After her retirement, Sonya continued cooking and sewing. She also gardened and volunteered with the Waynoka Historical Society.

Sonya was preceded in death by her parents; by a brother and sister-in-law, LeRoy Dale Meek and Ruby Nadine Meek of Tampa, Florida; by a brother, Michael Gene Meek of Waynoka; by a nephew Robert Dale Meek of Tampa, Florida, and by a step-granddaughter Krystal Osborne of Greenville, Tennessee.

Sonya is survived by a sister and brother-in-law, Sandra and Lyle Dickens, of Greeley, Colorado; by two brothers and two sisters-in-law, Terry and Judy Meek of Waynoka; and Pat and Jeanita Meek of Enid; and another sister-in-law, Lee Ann Meek, of Waynoka. She is also survived by a son, Don Cummins, of Waynoka; by a daughter Debra Cummins, and a son-in-law, Dennis Garland, of Kinsley, Kansas. She has two grandsons, William Stambaugh, of Amarillo, Texas; and Shay Robertson, of San Diego, California; and a step-granddaughter, Tonya Goddard, of Wichita, Kansas. She has one great-grandson, Isaac Robertson, who currently resides in Washington, D.C. In addition, Sonya has a number of step-grandchildren, step-great-grandchildren, and step-great-great grandchildren, plus many nieces and nephews, grand nieces and grand-nephews, and great-grand nieces and great-grand-nephews.

The family is planning a gathering to observe and honor Sonya's life.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sonya Sue Cummins*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *Sonya was a very good friend. We both taught many years at Waynoka Public School and had many visits after school in each others' classrooms. Sonya and I both spent many hours at school after all the other teachers had all gone home. Sonya helped me a LOT, showing me how to accomplish tasks on my computer 😞. She taught several adult evening computer classes and I think I took every one of them. She also taught my 2 older daughters in school. I enjoyed sharing vegetables from Lyle and my garden with her. Lyle always knew not to expect me home for an hour or so when i went to see Sonya. We enjoyed visiting with each other ❤️. Sonya was a very dear friend and I missed our visits when she moved to Enid.*

**Jo Ann Bellmon** - November 28, 2021 at 01:47 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. She was such a friendly person. Prayers for comfort..*

**Leota Betts** - November 16, 2021 at 08:49 AM



“ *It is such sad news to learn that Sonja Meek Cummins has died. She was a devoted teacher in Waynoka High School, and took students to Washington DC for the national History Day competition. Our (Rex's and my) daughter and son were on the team, and Sonya made the arrangements for the team and her to fly to Washington to compete. I appreciated her, and am saddened to know of her passing. Please know that I share your sorrow, and if I can be of service, please let me know. Sandie Olson*

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**Sandie Olson** - November 15, 2021 at 07:41 PM