



Terry Lynn Ryals

April 10, 1960 - August 21, 2021

Terry Lynn Ryals, 61, of Muskogee/Okay went to be with Jesus and her family on Saturday, August 21, 2021. She was born April 10, 1960 in Muskogee, Oklahoma to Clyde and Freda Ryals. She was a graduate of Muskogee High School in 1978, OSU Okmulgee graduate in 1980, University of Oklahoma (Bachelor of Science) in 1992.

She worked at Acme Reese A/C, First National Bank (Muskogee) and Corning Glass Works. After Corning closed, Terry went to Indian Capital Vo-Tech to study carpentry which led to a career in construction. After graduation from OU, she was hired by RUST Engineering in Birmingham, Alabama as a project engineer. When she moved back to Muskogee she went to work for Flintco Construction as a project engineer then was promoted to project manager in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Terry found her calling in construction after a very rocky past. Her love for construction was her life. Terry and her team won the ABC National Award in Washington, D.C. for construction of the Koweta Indian Health Clinic along with other awards on the Donald W. Reynolds Center (TU Arena), Cherokee Casino, River Spirit Casino, Oklahoma School for the Blind, Town Village Retirement Center, and others while at Flintco. Her employment at RUST Engineering allowed her the opportunity to work on the ASRAM rocket facility for NASA, an intrusion detection system for TVA Sequoyah Nuclear Plant and a de-inking facility for Boise Cascade in Alabama. She also loved Bible studies, fishing, camping, crafts and getting together with friends.

Terry attended First Baptist Church (Okay) and Central Baptist Church (Muskogee) when she could. She is a past member of Xi Epsilon Alpha of Beta Sigma Phi, (Muskogee) and Associated Builders and Constructors (OK).

She was preceded in death by her father, Clyde Ryals and her mother, Freda Ryals. She is survived by her sister, Evelyn Ryals Schroeder and husband Joseph; nephew, Kevin Schroeder; niece, Kristin Champ and husband Jeff; a few special friends and a whole slew of "Aunt Terry's Kids" and "Great Aunt Terry's Kids" who she loved as her own. Terry had requested in lieu of flowers please donate to First Baptist Church of Okay for the benefit of the building fund, 7530 N 37th St E, Okay, OK, 74446.

Terry's life will be celebrated at 10AM, Friday, August 27, 2021 at First Baptist Church of Okay with Mr. Larry Lashley officiating. Interment will be at Moody's Cemetery, Cherokee

County.

Cemetery

Events

Moodys Cemetery

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Visitation

09:00AM - 08:00PM

Moodys, OK,

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street, Muskogee, OK, US, 74403

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Service

10:00AM

First Baptist Church of Okay
7530 N 37th St E., Okay, OK, US, 74446

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Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - August 25, 2021 at 04:42 PM



“ From the Muskogee High School Class of 1978...You will be missed. It was a pleasure being a Rougher with you and a part of our class. May you fly high...RIP our dear classmate.

Tresa Davis - August 25, 2021 at 04:08 PM



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Jenny Purkey Krepps - August 25, 2021 at 12:09 PM



“ Terry loved our special Ladies Bible Studies with Kay Hopkins teaching. These were special times. The other picture is one of Terry as she helped our church with Vacation Bible Study just this past July. She has blessed our lives. We will miss her here but look forward to one day being reunited with her in heaven.

Jenny Krepps - August 25, 2021 at 02:32 PM



“ God bless my dear "T"! I miss you already. She was a wonderful friend. We met in Canada many, many years ago. We didn't get to see one another often any more but we had the telephone and text. One of a kind, straight forward, loving and honest are just some of the words that I can use to describe her and that made her Terry. We never talked on the phone that the Lord wasn't brought up at some point in the conversation. I know she is with her Jesus and her Momma and Daddy. Blessings of comfort to the family and friends she left behind. Thank you T for being my friend. You will be greatly missed!

Sheila Kinney

Sheila Kinney - August 24, 2021 at 08:04 PM



“ Met Terry in grade school (Houston elementary). Considered her a friend. Went through Jr high and High school and she was always sweet and friendly to all. May God bless and keep her.

Rick Sells - August 24, 2021 at 02:38 PM