



Audra "Marion" Bowman

June 10, 1931 - June 1, 2022

Audra Marion Bowman passed away in her home on the morning of June 1, 2022, in Muskogee, Oklahoma. Known as Marion by her loved ones, she was born on June 10, 1931, in Muskogee to Elmer Melvin Montgomery and Audie Talley Montgomery. She was the youngest of three children.

Marion attended Muskogee Central High School and later obtained a master's degree in education from Northeastern State University. After college, she began her teaching career, which spanned over a decade and included stints at Muskogee's Hilldale Public Schools and Haskell Public Schools. She retired from teaching in 1984.

On May 1, 1954, just over a month before her 23rd birthday, Marion wed Ronald Bowman in Tahlequah, and moved back to Muskogee shortly after. The couple had three children together, Kay, Paula and Ronda, and their marriage lasted over 68 years.

The biggest joys of Marion's life stemmed from spending time with her family, and her door was always open for visitors. She adored reading books, magazines and the daily newspaper — even if it was just to do the crossword. Her love for her pets and wildlife caused her to regularly donate to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Marion loved playing bridge with her group of close friends, listening to music, trips to the beach and meeting new people. She was a woman of strong faith and a member of Immanuel Baptist Church in Muskogee.

Marion is loved deeply by her loved ones and will be greatly missed. She was

preceded in death by her parents Elmer and Audie Montgomery, her sister Ruth Eulala Hill, brother Elmer Montgomery Jr. and daughter Kay Bowman. She is survived by her husband Ronald, her daughter Paula Morgan and husband Steve of Muskogee; daughter Ronda Engelbrecht and husband John of Muskogee; grandchildren Ryan Hilton and wife Beth of Savannah, Georgia; Jacob Hilton and wife Christine of Oklahoma City; Tyler Winkle and wife Allie of Bixby; Jake Hilton of Muskogee; Kole Hilton of Braggs; Max Hilton of Savannah, Georgia; Gatlin Morgan of Muskogee; Ashley Morgan of Muskogee; Alex Baker of Muskogee; Carson Baker of Tulsa; April Smith and husband Jacob of Muskogee; Chandler Engelbrecht of Muskogee, and several great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Marion's life will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, June 3, at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. David Smith officiating. Steve Morgan, John Engelbrecht, Alex Baker and Chandler Engelbrecht will serve as pallbearers, with honorary pallbearers including Ryan Hilton, Steve Taylor, Jacob Hilton, Bob LeBlanc and Gatlin Morgan. Interment to be at Memorial Park Cemetery Mausoleum.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

7600 Old Taft Rd.
Muskogee, OK 74401

Previous Events

Service

JUN 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel
1830 N. York St.
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall



“ *Audra "Marion" Bowman*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Ronnie, Paula, and Rhonda, I am sorry I did not know of Marion's passing away until just now. So many memories of the past years came back and made me smile !! May our Lord give you peace and comfort as only He can.*

elaine Henderson - June 08, 2022 at 09:06 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Audra "Marion" Bowman.*



June 03, 2022 at 01:13 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Audra "Marion" Bowman.*



June 03, 2022 at 10:31 AM

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“ *Jim Hilton purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Audra "Marion" Bowman.*



Jim Hilton - June 02, 2022 at 06:50 PM

LT

“ *Love Gary and Tana purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Audra "Marion" Bowman.*



Love Gary and Tana - June 02, 2022 at 10:53 AM