



Barbara L. Gurwell

November 20, 1946 - July 26, 2015

Barbara Lou Gurwell, 68 lifetime resident of Muskogee, passed away Sunday evening, July 26, 2015 with her family by her side. She was born November 20, 1946 in Muskogee to Allen Olen and Alta Mildred (Hughart) Duke. She grew up and attended Muskogee Public Schools and graduated with the class of 1964.

After high school graduation, Barbara began a career at Corning Glass. She worked there until the plant closed in the late 1980's. She held various positions there as she worked her way the company ladder. At the time the plant closed, Barbara was a glass Inspector. When Corning closed, Barbara embarked on a new career with Homeland. She worked several years in the bakery until her health forced her retirement.

Barbara enjoyed baking and cooking for her family and other friends. She was especially fond of her little dog, "Sparky." Her family remembers what she loved most was being "Grandma" to all the kids in the neighborhood. She was loved by all who knew her and will be greatly missed. Barbara was of the Baptist faith.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Allen and Alta Duke; her sister, Margaret Sowers; and her nephew, Mark Duke.

Barbara is survived by her sister, Vickie Duke of Muskogee; her brother, David Duke and his wife, Kathleen of Claremore, OK; her nephews, Louis Sowers and his wife, Lisa of Wagoner and their children, Michael Duke of Mounds; her niece, Ineita Barry of Wagoner and the neice and nephew's children; her

special cousins, Jerry and Pam Nutt of Muskogee; her aunt and uncle, Margie and Doug Hughart of Broken Arrow; other family members and friends.

A celebration of Barbara's life will be 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 29, 2015, at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Tom Shelton officiating.

Interment will be at a later date in Greenhill Cemetery, Muskogee.

Cemetery Details

Greenhill Cemetery

1500 N. York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **29**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara L. Gurwell*

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