



## Bennie Ruth Eller

April 1, 1930 - October 31, 2023

Bennie Ruth Eller, 93, entered her Heavenly home on Tuesday, October 31, 2023. She was born April 1, 1930 in Wagoner, Oklahoma to Lee Washington Box and Alice Able (Judge) Box. She attended public schools and graduated from Hulbert High School.

Bennie married the love of her life and best friend, Ralph "Dutch" Monroe Eller on January 5, 1951. They shared 72 years of life, marriage, and memories. Ralph and Bennie made their home in Muskogee, Oklahoma where she worked a short time at the telephone company before becoming a rancher's wife. She enjoyed farm life with her husband for many years and dutifully took care of him for 7 years while he was on dialysis. He preceded her in death on March 9, 2015.

She was a member of Grandview Baptist Church and was an active member until illness slowed her down.

Bennie was an excellent seamstress and made many "Bennie Blankets" for the newborns of family and friends. She was also known to make the best peanut brittle at Christmas time every year.

She loved spending time with her family and friends and most of all, with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and siblings, Floyd Box, Raymond Box, Mary "Bea" Kessl, Radene McCleary, Donsetta Underwood, Delores Alexander, and Willie Mae Dudley.

Bennie is survived by her sons, Larry (Chris) Eller of Joplin, MO, Terry

(Raynia) Eller, and Pam (Jimmy) Jestice, all of Muskogee, OK; grandchildren, Jodi (Justin) Hill of Bentonville, AR, Tyler Jestice of Chicago, IL, Ashley Eller of Muskogee, OK, Cody (Brandi) Eller of Ardmore, OK, Bryan (Hannah) Eller of Seoul, S. Korea, and David Akiss of Rolla, MO; great-grandchildren, Michael Eller, Dawna Grace Eller, Hailey Hill, and Zachary Hill; along with many other family members.

The family would like to express a special "Thank You" to Tracy Igert, NP, St Francis, Ft Gibson, and Gentiva Hospice for their care.

A graveside service for Bennie Ruth will be at 2:30PM, Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at Fort Gibson National Cemetery with Mr. Jay McAllister and Dr. Danny Mills officiating.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 National Cemetery Rd.  
Fort Gibson, OK

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

NOV 7. 2:30 PM (CT)

Fort Gibson National Cemetery  
1423 Cemetery Rd  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434  
(918) 478-2334

# Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bennie Ruth Eller.* ”



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November 05, 2023 at 01:53 PM



“ *Sheryl lit a candle in memory of Bennie Eller* ”



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**Sheryl** - November 04, 2023 at 03:00 AM



“ *julie sent a virtual gift in memory of Bennie Eller* ”



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**julie** - November 03, 2023 at 10:12 AM



“ *Julie lit a candle in memory of Bennie Eller* ”



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**Julie** - November 03, 2023 at 10:06 AM

GI

“ Oh we so loved Bennie & Ralph, too. My sister, Sara, loved her “Bennie” blanket!! She kept it until there was maybe one little strip left. And we enjoyed her peanut brittle for years. Loved all our times together at Grandview. Prayers for the family. Love, Gina, Sara , Jon & Gerald Taylor - mom passed to Glory last year

Gina - November 01, 2023 at 07:34 PM

PR

“ My Aunt Bennie, was always the one with a smile on her face. The kindest, sweetest person anyone could ask to meet. I know Uncle Dutch has a huge welcoming smile on his face now that his sweetheart is with him. You will be missed!!!

Patsy Rhodes - November 01, 2023 at 02:46 PM

GB

“ Glenette/ Briley lit a candle in memory of Bennie Eller



Glenette/ Glenn Briley - November 01, 2023 at 02:29 PM

JJ

“ I met Bennie in 1949, we were both telephone operators. We have remained friends all these years. I will truly miss our conversations, as I will miss my friend. My condolences to her family.



Juanita Jordan - November 01, 2023 at 02:25 PM



“ *Monica Mabry lit a candle in memory of Bennie Eller*



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**Monica Mabry** - November 01, 2023 at 02:10 PM



“ *Melissa Burlison lit a candle in memory of Bennie Eller*



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**Melissa George Burlison** - October 31, 2023 at 04:35 PM