



Deanna Joyce Benge

November 12, 1939 - April 23, 2025

Deanna Joyce Benge of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed away Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at the age of 85. She was born November 12, 1939 in Sand Springs, Oklahoma to Leo Wallace and Olive (Segner) Roberts. She graduated from Sand Springs High School with the class of 1957.

She was the beloved wife of Phillip Benge. They were married on April 12, 1959 and shared 66 years of life, marriage, and memories together.

Deanna worked as a bank officer from which she retired. Her passion was being a homemaker for her family.

She will always be remembered as being sassy and ornery but always fun. She was also 50's elegant, prim and proper. She would hug your neck in fun and love but had a "Deanna" way of putting you in your place if needed.

She will be greatly missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Leo and Olive Roberts; sister, Linda Wallace; and her son, Jason Benge.

Deanna is survived by her husband, Phillip of the home; son, John Benge and wife Lauren of Muskogee; granddaughters, Angela Guinn and husband

Steven of Okemah, Lisa Fletcher and husband Carl of Henryetta; great-grandchildren, Bryce Guinn, Christopher Guinn, Jacob Fletcher, Aubrey Fletcher, Kayla Fletcher and fiancé, Eric Stell; and sister, Sandy Phillips of Tulsa; along with other family members.

A celebration of Deanna's life will be at 10AM, Friday, April 25, 2025 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Kevin Chartney officiating.

Interment will be at 2PM, Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at Woodland Memorial Park in Sand Springs, Oklahoma.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **24.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Celebration of Life

APR **25.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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Interment

APR **29.** 2:00 PM (CT)

Woodland Memorial Park Cemetery
1200 N Cleveland Ave
Sand Springs , OK 74063

Tribute Wall



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“This is a time for gathering all the best of a good life and holding it in the heart forever.” And there is a lot of “good to gather” with Deanna. Strong, generous, kind, hard-working, fiercely independent, loyal and loving. She embodied the best of what we all dream to be as mother, grandmother, wife, sister and friend. For the past 25 years, we have shared our lives with the Benges on University Ave., often happily exchanging hugs and hello’s on the street or about other. Remarkably, as hard as she worked outside in the beautiful yard/flowers and inside keeping an immaculate home, we never recall ever seeing her or Phil with a “hair out of place” and were always dressed “to the nines.”

As the years passed, I found much pleasure in sharing more intimate time with Deanna and Phil. Where I learned much more about this incredible couple who chose so well in each other, 66 years ago. I saw firsthand, true, everlasting and devoted love, unwavering support, endless sacrifice and just how sacred vows can grow into the golden years. Strong willed, faithful and deeply spirited, Deanna carried on despite the incredible loss of a beloved son, family and friends, dogs and eventually... her independence. She really never stopped tending to Phil or her current don, Jeb, who she felt very close to and relied heavily upon for his companionship, being her best confidant and friend. She spoke often of how much she enjoyed being Phil’s wife, raising their sons and being a mother, of which she considered the most important job in this world. The grandchildren that followed were added blessings and much joy to her. She appreciated beyond words the gift of being able to stay with Phil in their home as a result of the incredible sacrifices and loving care of her son John and his wife Lauren. Deanna loved her time with Phil in the military even though it was short... she thought it would have been so enjoyable traveling more and having opportunity to meet new friends and living in new places. She spoke often of early life with her sisters and how as the youngest, they and her mother always seemed to make certain she had everything she needed, and then some. She marveled at how hard everyone had to work so all could survive those earlier difficult years.

Adventuresome, lively, lovely Deanna. I will deeply miss her ever-present smile and hearing that sweet giggle. Her endless sweet tooth introduced us to her, and now our favorite key lime pie! Our most heartfelt sympathies to all her family and friends that had the incredible good fortune of knowing this remarkable lady.
In Love,
Carolyn and Bob Watts

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“ *Bill Linda and Amber Fletcher purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Deanna Joyce Benge.*



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“ *Bill Linda and Amber Fletcher planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deanna Joyce Benge.*

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