



## Donna Lavon Ausmus

June 17, 1937 - January 5, 2018

Donna Lavon Ausmus was born June 17, 1937 in Tulsa, OK to Edwin and Theo Yarger. She went to be with her Lord on January 5, 2018 at her home in Muskogee. She grew up in Kiefer, OK and graduated from Kiefer High School in 1954. Donna accepted Christ as her Savior at the age of 9, which became the focus of her life. At the age of 13 she began playing the piano for her church. This continued throughout her life in a pursuit to glorify God.

Donna began college at Oklahoma Central State College. Donna married the love of her life, John Ausmus on January 21, 1955. They moved to Alpine, Texas to attend Sul Ross University where she graduated in 1957.

They returned to Tulsa and she began her teaching career. On April 13, 1960 her daughter, Lynn was born.

She received her Master's degree in 1966. She continued her education earning several certifications from several universities.

In 1968 they welcomed a son, Kent.

Donna retired from teaching in Oklahoma in 1989 after 30 years. However, she wasn't finished but moved to Germany to teach reading for the Department of Defense schools. After 15 years of teaching in Germany she retired and moved to Muskogee where she worked part time at the Oklahoma School for the Blind and Muskogee Public Schools. She also served 7 years as a CASA volunteer. The guiding points of her life were her Lord, her family and helping children have the skills they need to be successful.

Donna is survived by her husband, John; daughter, Lynn Cragg and husband Larry; son, Kent Ausmus; brother, Keith Yarger and wife Becky; grandchildren, Nathan Davis and wife Meagan, Jon Davis and wife Angel, Rachel Cragg, Samantha Smith and husband Michael, Shelby Ruckman and Jade Ruckman; and two great-grandsons, Reid and Tucker Davis.

Donna was preceded in death by her mother, Theo Yarger; her father, Edwin Yarger; and her brother, Gerald Yarger.

Funeral services will be 10:00 A.M., Thursday, January 11, 2018 at Boulevard Christian Church with Minister Steve Moss and Minister Tony Blumenberg officiating. Interment will follow at Fort Gibson National Cemetery at 12:00 P.M. Pallbearers will be Nathan Davis, Jon Davis, Jason Cragg, Aaron Cragg, David Romine and J.R. Romine. The family will receive friends at Cornerstone Funeral Home, in Muskogee on Wednesday evening from 5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 National Cemetery Rd.  
Fort Gibson, OK

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 8. 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory  
1830 North York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403  
(918) 682-1500

## Visitation

JAN 9. 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory  
1830 North York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403  
(918) 682-1500

## Visitation

JAN 10. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory  
1830 North York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403  
(918) 682-1500

## Family Visitation

JAN 10. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory  
1830 North York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403  
(918) 682-1500

## Service

JAN 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

Boulevard Christian Church  
1700 W. Shawnee  
Muskogee, OK 74401

# Tribute Wall



“ *Donna Lavon Ausmus*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Donna was my son's casa worker. She was so compassionate about the kids she worked with. She shared many stories and memories with us. I feel blessed to have met such a wonderful beautiful lady. I never seen her out that she didn't speak and smile.*

s. lewis - January 10, 2018 at 09:51 PM



“ *My cousin Donna was a big part of the glue that kept our Yarger family reunions together. She made sure we had a place for it each year after so many of our uncles had passed away. She and her Dad, Mom, and daughter Lynn also made sure we had our Sunday morning worship services. What good memories of fun and love we all shared. Donna will be greatly missed but we know she is enjoying a fantastic Yarger reunion with loved ones who are in Heaven greeting her.*

Celinds Ferguson - January 10, 2018 at 02:19 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Donna Lavon Ausmus.*



January 09, 2018 at 11:06 PM



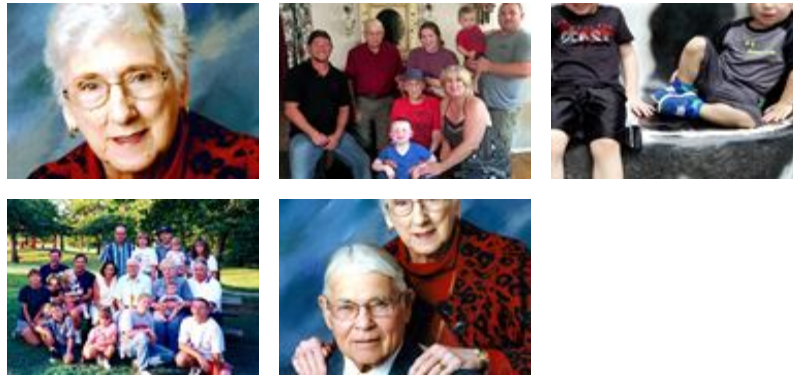
“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donna Lavon Ausmus.*



January 09, 2018 at 01:09 PM



“ *74 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory** - January 08, 2018 at 05:26 PM



“ *Sooner & Susan Martin Cheryl Luc purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donna Lavon Ausmus.*



**Sooner & Susan Martin Cheryl Luc** - January 08, 2018 at 11:43 AM

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“ We shared a birthday, June 17th, and many stories and laughs. We taught together in Germany, traveled together to all parts of the world and shared many glasses of wine. You are missed by many and still in our hearts forever. Love you forever, Susan



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**Susan Martin** - January 07, 2018 at 07:03 PM

LC

*I am so glad my mom and dad had friends like you. I know they enjoyed their times with you so very much.*

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**Lynn Cragg** - January 08, 2018 at 11:26 PM

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*Thank you for letting us share them with you.*

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**Susan Martin** - January 09, 2018 at 05:53 PM