



Frances 'Granny' Goodnight

November 11, 1932 - April 26, 2023

Frances Geraldine Meigs Goodnight, age 90, departed this world for Heaven on April 26, 2023. She was born in Park Hill, OK to Cooie Meigs Sr. and Gertie Jones Gibson Meigs on November 11, 1932. She was the second great-granddaughter to Cherokee Chief John Ross. Frances was proud of her Cherokee heritage and studied her family genealogy for many years.

She graduated from Bagley High School in Tahlequah and then went on to Northeastern State University where she obtained a bachelors in education and a masters in counseling. During her teaching career, she taught 7th and 8th grade as well as high school business and typing in Anderson, MO, Joplin, MO, and Porter, OK. While teaching in Anderson, she laid eyes upon Missourian Loy Allman Goodnight for the first time. They married on June 6, 1955 and shared 34 years of marriage until his death in 1989.

Frances had a love for baking and she enjoyed canning every summer to have plenty of homegrown foods on hand in the winter. She developed her own recipes and knew just when to add a little of this or that! Her Sunday dinner table was usually spread with roast, taters, fried okra, candied carrots, jello surprise and yeast rolls that were rolled out before she headed to church...and for dessert, strawberries and crust or maybe a Cushaw squash pie.

Frances retired from teaching in 1970 due to loss of her voice, but she never idled the rest of her life. She had a servant's heart as she spent many hours caring for her family and friends. In her spare time, she enjoyed calligraphy,

painting, and ceramics. She became 'Granny' in 1983 and 1984, and from that point on, she loved on her grandsons immeasurably.

Frances spent the majority of her life attending and serving in the church.

Most recently, she attended New Hope Baptist Church in Muskogee. She was saved as a teen and had a bold unashamed desire to tell others about Christ. She looked forward to the day that she could hear her Lord say, "Well done my good and faithful servant".

Frances was preceded in death by her husband, Loy; her parents, Cooie Sr. and Gertie Meigs; brother, Cooie Meigs, Jr.; sisters, Jewell Mahaney and Mary Jane Meigs; and niece, Belinda McCormick.

She is survived by her brother, John Meigs; daughter, Kathy Kaad and husband Michael; son, Phillip Goodnight and wife Melinda; grandsons, Eric Goodnight and wife Jessica, and Patrick Goodnight and wife Brittany; and four great-grandchildren, Isiah, Haley, Jacee, and Evelyn; several beloved nieces and nephews; and a host of other family members and friends.

A celebration of Frances' life will be 3PM, Monday, May 1, 2023 at Ross Cemetery with Pastor Don Blankenship officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family would be honored if donations were made to the Gideons International, PO Box 204, Muskogee, OK 74403

Cemetery Details

Ross Cemetery

22404 S 530 Rd
Tahlequah, OK

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 1. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tahlequah, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Frances 'Granny' Goodnight*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *One of my favorite teachers, she was always willing to help.*

Teresa Newberry Roberts - May 20, 2023 at 07:12 PM



“ *I am sorry to hear of Mrs. Goodnight's passing, taught me in 3 different classes at Porter. I am glad she led such a full and productive life. Gary Dodd*

Gary Dodd, class of 1970 - May 19, 2023 at 11:41 PM



“ *Loved her for the short time I knew her
Will be missed
Dee Lee Roper*

Dee Lee Roper - May 02, 2023 at 05:01 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Sarah Gabehart - May 01, 2023 at 10:48 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frances 'Granny' Goodnight.*



April 30, 2023 at 09:22 PM



“ *Well I love you, Granny*



Brittany Goodnighy - April 28, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Steven and Melissa Jones purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Frances 'Granny' Goodnight.*



Steven and Melissa Jones - April 28, 2023 at 04:18 PM

SM

“ So sorry to hear of Mrs. Goodnight's passing. I was her beautician until covid hit. She would tell some very Interesting stories about her past, most of them being how they lived beside a cemetery and she would HAVE to take food and water to the workers over there. She was a little girl and was scared to death of that place! She told me about the day her husband was in a wreck and that she had heard the crash on the highway, not knowing that her life had suddenly changed. I loved listening to her stories. I know she will be greatly missed by her friends and loved ones. Prayers of comfort for the family.

Sue Maplethorpe - April 27, 2023 at 07:35 PM

MG

Thank you so much ❤️

Melinda Goodnight - May 02, 2023 at 10:32 PM

JC

She was a special person in my life while she taught in Porter. Sorry I missed her service; however, she will always be in my memory and in my heart.

Janice Chance - May 07, 2023 at 11:57 AM

DF

“ Doris Edmonds and family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Frances 'Granny' Goodnight.



Doris Edmonds and family - April 27, 2023 at 07:14 PM

MB

“ *Melissa Burlison lit a candle in memory of Frances Goodnight*



Melissa George Burlison - April 27, 2023 at 04:23 PM

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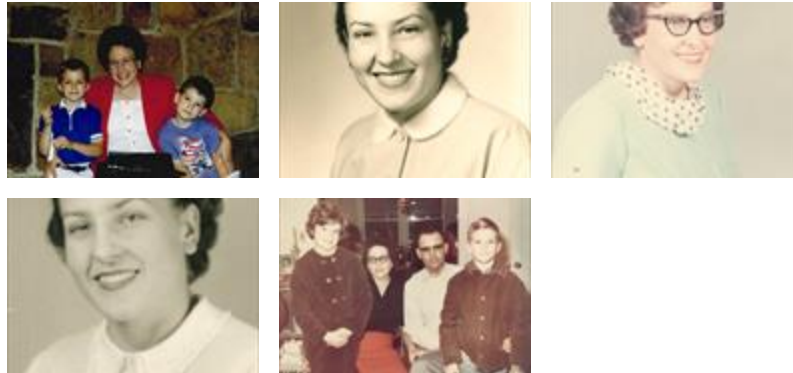
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Cornerstone Funeral Funeral Home - April 27, 2023 at 02:47 PM

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Cornerstone Funeral Home - April 27, 2023 at 02:45 PM