



## Jerrene Ellen "Jerrie" Barker

February 8, 1933 - December 6, 2025

Jerrene Ellen Barker, 92, was born February 8, 1933 to Herman and Hulda (Baker) Meier in Okeene, OK. On December 6, 2025, Jerrie went to sleep where she is resting in Jesus Arms, waiting for the great resurrection morning when the righteous will rise in Christ.

Jerrie was a third-generation 7th Day Adventist. She graduated from Okeene High School. She went on to Keene Academy in Keene, TX. There she was 1951-1952 editor of the Mispah Newspaper and vice-president of Ta-Wa-Si Women's Society. She had an angelic voice and was a member of the touring "Mizpah Choraliers". She later received her master's in education from OSU. Jerrie was born to teach, not only in her career, but in life as well. She taught K-4th grade for 7th Day Adventist Schools and for the Navajo Reservation in Arizona. But Jerrie also dedicated her life to teaching grace, love, and kindness to everyone she met. She was always fully engaged in life and had a great sense of humor. Born without a left hand, she lovingly named her left arm "Baby Arm". She never saw herself as disabled but chose to see it as a unique attribute.

She had a can-do fact or that allowed her to quilt, sew, knit and even teach "all her boys" to tie their own shoes. She was an excellent cook who proudly embraced her German heritage. She loved cooking homemade spätzle, breads and pies.

Jerrie spread love and laughter at every turn of her life. This virtue shone as bright as her smile till the end. As per her favorite quote by Frank Stanton-

“This world that we’re a-livin in is mighty hard to beat; you git a thorn with every rose. But ain’t the roses sweet!”

Jerrie was preceded in death by her oldest son, Jamey Meier; stepdaughter, LaRae Brown.

She leaves to carry on her legacy with her children, Jim Bolton, Teresa Joann White, Debbie Anderson, John Meier, and Robert Lynn Bolton; and adopted family Rick and Angie Miller and girls; grandsons, Cody Meier and Landon Meier and wife Monica; friend and adopted daughter, Tammy Calhoun who has unselfishly stepped up to care for Jerrie and John the last couple of years; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family would like to thank all the staff and Pleasant Valley Nursing Home; with a special shout out to Neeka and Angie. Also Emerald Hospice with a special shout out to Roy Timmons.

A service will be held at a later date at East Cooper Cemetery in Okeene, Oklahoma.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I met Jerrie at Southwestern Jr College in 1950. She was year ahead of me in school & we shared a room for at least part of a year. She was The most positive, uplifting individual with a consistent “can do anything” attitude. Looking fwd to that GREAT gettin’ up morning when we meet again. Warm thankfulness to her remaining family.. keep her spirit alive.

*With much love, Victoria Henner Bolander*

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**Victoria Bolander** - December 10, 2025 at 04:02 PM