



## Judith Kay Bruce

March 21, 1943 - August 25, 2024

Judith Kay Bruce, 81, of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed away Sunday, August 25, 2024. She was born March 21, 1943 in Wichita, Kansas to Frank and Maxine (Calkins) Smith.

For many years Judith worked as a surgical nurse at Muskogee General Hospital until she retired in 1993. She continued to work in the medical field in various capacities in Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas and Florida until 2005. Judith had a passion to help others and lived that way throughout her life.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Karen Bruce; mother, Maxine Kirkpatrick; father, Frank Smith; stepfather, Merle Kirkpatrick; and her great-grandson, Baby Cash.

Judith is survived by her daughters, Christy Shirkness and husband Tom, Cathy Bloss and husband Kip, Connie Graver and husband Randy, Carolyn Thomas and husband Rusty; brother, Philip Smith and wife Susan; grandchildren, Joshua Phelps and wife Ellen, Jason Phelps, Kelsey Radford and husband Aaron, Chris Bloss and wife Samantha, Carter Bloss, Nathan Smith, Caitlin Breaux and husband Lowlan, Miranda Riddle, Morgan Riddle, and Caroline Thomas; seven great-grandchildren; along with other family members and friends.

A celebration of Judith's life will be at 1PM, Saturday, August 31, 2024 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel with Chaplain Joel Powell officiating.

# Previous Events

## Family to greet friends

AUG **30**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Celebration of Life

AUG **31**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DB

“ *I'm just now seeing this, I had been doing Judy's hair for years, I will miss her so much, she was always very pleasant and full of energy, a spitfire kinda gal. She always looked amazing for her age! I always worked her in when she wanted, she was one of my most favorite customers!*

Donna Bray - March 10, 2025 at 11:45 PM

CT

*Hi Donna.. thank you for loving my mom. She certainly was a beautiful spitfire little woman* ☐

Carolyn Thomas - March 18, 2025 at 03:34 PM

MR

“ *Miranda Riddle lit a candle in memory of Judith Bruce*



Miranda Riddle - August 31, 2024 at 08:00 AM



“ *3 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - August 30, 2024 at 02:09 PM

KP

“ Kelly Keathley PVHCC lit a candle in memory of Judith Bruce



Kelly Keathley PVHCC - August 29, 2024 at 05:24 PM

CT

“ Carolyn Thomas lit a candle in memory of Judith Bruce



Carolyn Thomas - August 29, 2024 at 02:21 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Judith Kay Bruce.



August 29, 2024 at 12:15 PM

GT

“ Grant Thornton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judith Kay Bruce.

Grant Thornton - August 29, 2024 at 12:15 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of *Judith Kay Bruce*.



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August 29, 2024 at 10:27 AM



“ *My sincerest condolences to my dear friend, Connie and her family, with love and prayers during this time*



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**Sharon Leonard** - August 29, 2024 at 07:57 AM



“ *Randy Graver purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Judith Kay Bruce.*



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**Randy Graver** - August 28, 2024 at 09:25 PM



“ *Randy Graver planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judith Kay Bruce.*

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**Randy Graver** - August 28, 2024 at 09:25 PM



“ 103 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - August 28, 2024 at 04:47 PM**