



Katherine Lucille Jarrard

September 9, 1936 - March 1, 2026

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Katherine Lucille “Kay” Jarrard born on September 9, 1936 to Margaret R. Ross Ward and William Claude “Bill” Ward in Stilwell, Oklahoma.

To her family she was known as “Nana” and she became Nana to many who didn’t have one of their own. To know her was to love her because she loved everyone and never met a stranger.

She married the love of her life on September 2, 1955, Lowell Dean “Jerry” Jarrard. They had two sons, one daughter, and together they built an amazing life loving God and loving people.

Kay had an amazing career retiring from the BIA. She loved to bowl, walk at the mall with her girlfriends, and attend church. Miss Kay was a mighty woman of God, a Proverbs 31 woman, always putting God first and loving her family fiercely.

While we will miss her greatly, we know she is rejoicing in Heaven with our Lord and reunited with her loved ones.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Margaret Ward; her loving husband, Jerry Jarrard; her daughter, Deana K. Heard; her son, David

Jarrard; her grandson, Jonathan Jarrard; and her great-grandson, Christopher Jarrard “CJ” DeShazer.

Kay leaves behind a son, Dr. Stephen Jarrard of Lakemont, GA; grandsons, Ross Jarrard of Arvada, CO, Tyler Jarrard of Augusta, GA, Preston Jarrard of CA, and Regan Jarrard of Muskogee, OK; granddaughters, Paige Jarrard of Duluth, GA, Jennifer K. Guilliam and husband Joey Guilliam of Muskogee, OK, Amanda Hamilton of Bixby, OK; great-grandchildren, Shelby K. DeShazer, Michaela DeShazer, Madison DeShazer, Caleb DeShazer, Ayden Guilliam, Addison Guilliam, all of Muskogee, OK, and Carley D. Tharps of Bixby, OK; 9 great-great-grandchildren, and so many more friends and family that will miss her dearly.

The family will receive friends from 5-7PM, Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at Cornerstone Funeral Home.

Kay’s life will be celebrated at 12:30PM, Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at New Hope Assembly of God Church with Rev. John Overton officiating. Interment will follow at 2:30PM at Fort Gibson National Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 National Cemetery Rd.
Fort Gibson, OK

Previous Events

Visitation

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

CORNERSTONE FUNERAL HOME
1830 N York St
MUSKOGEE, OK 74403

Family to greet friends

MAR 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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1830 N York St
MUSKOGEE, OK 74403

Celebration of Life

MAR 11. 12:30 PM (CT)

New Hope Assembly of God
110 W 58th St. South
Muskogee, OK 74401

Tribute Wall



“ 100 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - March 10 at 10:40 AM



“ *The Howdeshell and Hiner Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Katherine Lucille Jarrard.*



The Howdeshell and Hiner Family - March 08 at 11:58 AM



“ *Heaven is even better now that you are there Kay! May God bless all your family with comfort! We will miss you!*

Mary and Greg Adams

Greg Agams - March 07 at 05:23 PM

SJ

“ *Sending peace and love to Kay’s family during this difficult time. I have enjoyed knowing Kay all of these years. And one of the things I’m gonna miss the most is fixing her iPhone. We shared so many laughs over that. I feel very lucky to have known her.* ”

Sherri Jackson - March 06 at 11:36 AM