



Mary Winkler Gillenwater

February 4, 1934 - October 29, 2022

Mary Winkler Gillenwater, 88, of Muskogee, OK passed away on Saturday, October 29, 2022. She was born on February 4, 1934 to J.W. and Dora (Watkins) Winkler in Stilwell, OK. She found a love for sewing and worked for the family ran business Thayer Upholstery, until retiring at 85 years old. She married Edwin Thayer in 1952 and they were married for 19 years until their divorce in 1971. She remarried Ben Gillenwater on March 13, 1972 in Stilwell, OK. They shared many years of marriage and memories together until his passing in 2002.

Mary was a faithful and active Christian, who loved the Lord. She enjoyed going to goodwill, finding things for other people at yard sales, puzzles, fishing, gardening, and most of all spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ben Gillenwater; parents, J.W. and Dora Winkler; sisters, Mattie, Nettie, Lucille, Dorothy and Marion; brothers, Floyd, Dan, and Tom; and daughter, Cindee.

She is survived by her sons, Ron Thayer and wife Frances, and Larry Gillenwater and wife Amy all of Muskogee, OK; sisters, Edna Winkler Gillenwater of Muskogee, OK and Aline Harris of Quinton, OK; grandchildren, Michelle Ballinger of Kalamazoo, MI, Cliff Dickerson of Muskogee, OK, Tracie Hale of Muskogee, OK, Greg Thayer of Muskogee, OK, Jason Thayer of Fort Gibson, OK, Dillon Gillenwater of Broken Arrow, and Megan Gillenwater of Owasso, OK; 17 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great grandchildren; and a host of other family members and friends.

A celebration of Mary's life will be 11AM, Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at Greenhill Cemetery Pavilion in Muskogee, OK with Rev. Don Blankenship officiating.

Cemetery Details

Greenhill Cemetery

1500 N. York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403

Previous Events

Service

NOV 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Winkler Gillenwater*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM