



## Mary C. Smith

October 13, 1925 - January 18, 2025

Mary Smith died on January 18, 2025 in Tulsa. She was born in Muskogee on October 14, 1925. Due to a clerical error her birth was registered as October 13. Her Parents were Robert J. and Carolyn (Mason) Tyree.

She is survived by her daughter, Vicky L. Gardner (Randall) of Fort Worth; sons, William L. Cheeseman (Janice) of Philadelphia and Robert D. Cheeseman (Vicki) of Tulsa; brother, W. Brian Tyree (Joanna) of Arlington, Texas; stepsons, Roger (Diane) Smith and Stuart (Linda) Smith; stepdaughter, Sheri (Steve) House; seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, four step grandchildren, three step great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her brother, Robert J. Tyree, Jr.; three sisters, Barbee Grayson Tomsen, Alice Richey Cody and Carol Tyree Burris; husbands Al Cheeseman and Vern Smith.

Mary attended Muskogee schools and was a 1943 graduate from Muskogee Central High School. She graduated from Oklahoma College for Women with a degree in chemistry. She also completed graduate courses from Oklahoma State University and Central Michigan University. She was a Certified Medical Technologist. She enjoyed a career as microbiology lab supervisor and the director of the School of Medical Technology at Muskogee Regional Medical Center.

She was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church and a volunteer at its Good Shepherd Health Clinic.

After retirement Mary joined a senior women's tap dance group, the Broadway Babes. She also enjoyed bicycling and playing duplicate bridge. She participated in many bridge tournaments and attained the rank of Silver Life Master.

Mary's life will be celebrated at 3PM, Friday, January 24 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel. A private family interment is planned.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Paul United Methodist Church, or to a favorite charity.

# Cemetery Details

**Private Interment**

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 24. 3:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel  
1830 N. York St.  
Muskogee, OK 74403

# Tribute Wall



“ *Monica Mabry lit a candle in memory of Mary Smith*



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**Monica Mabry** - July 11, 2025 at 09:10 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Video of Service*



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**Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory** - February 21, 2025 at 01:58 PM



“ *I had the privilege of working with Mary at MGH, MRMC for many years. I started working night shift in the Emergency Room and she was on call for the lab. She was always kind and cheerful (as you could be being awakened to come in to work in the middle of the night) and supportive of me! We had many wonderful chats about family issues and life in general during those times! So sorry to read of her death. My thoughts and prayers are with her family. Dona Calvert Davis*

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**Dona Calvert Davis** - January 24, 2025 at 05:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary C. Smith.*



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January 23, 2025 at 02:16 PM



“ *Somewhere, there is a group of loving cousins sharing an early Saturday breakfast at Honor Heights Park! Thanks for the stories we future generations loved so dearly.*

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**Nancy Graham** - January 23, 2025 at 09:28 AM



“ *3 files added to the album Mary C. Smith Photos*



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**BR** - January 22, 2025 at 05:32 PM



“ My mother, Peggy Wallace, was also a “Broadway Babe”. You may already have these, but, if not, they’re great pictures. My mother loved this group of women. They had so much fun. I’m sorry to hear about your mother. I’m sure she was the last dancer. Vicki Wallace Wolfe



Vicki Wallace Wolfe - January 22, 2025 at 08:40 AM



“ Monica Mabry lit a candle in memory of Mary Smith



Monica Mabry - January 20, 2025 at 02:31 PM