



Mary Ellen Welch

August 11, 1936 - November 1, 2024

Mary Ellen Welch, 88, of Muskogee, Oklahoma, passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 1, 2024 after final days surrounded by family.

Mary was born on August 11, 1936 in Coalgate, Oklahoma to Robert “Bob” Lee and Olive Cora Lambert. She was the middle of six children, but throughout her life, took on a matriarchal role to many branches of extended family.

On May 25, 1956, Mary married the love of her life, Troy Lee Welch in Coalgate, Oklahoma. Troy and Mary had three beloved children, Cathy Ellen, Jackie Lee, and Troy Brendon.

In 1960, Troy and Mary settled in Muskogee, OK and made it their home for 59 years. While living in their first home in Muskogee, Troy and Mary met the Daniels family and began a lifelong friendship amongst not only the adults, but also the children.

Mary served many roles within the Sears Department store before retiring in 1992. Her fondest memories of working at Sears included meeting and forming a life-long friendship with Norma Cole. Mary and Norma became family and cared for each other’s families as their own.

One of Mary's greatest joys in life was her role as "Granny." Her grandchildren have fond memories of days at Tenkiller Lake and playing in the backyard of her home in Muskogee, OK. Though spread throughout the country, Mary made sure her great-grandchildren knew how special they were to her in every possible way.

Mary Welch is preceded in death by the love of her life, Troy; her parents Bob and Cora Lambert; five siblings; as well as grandson, Gregory Glenn.

Mary Welch is survived by three children, Cathy Blair of Michigan; Jackie Glenn of Texas; and Troy Welch and wife Debra of Texas. Mary is also survived by her five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren as well as many extended family members.

The family will receive visitors on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, from 2:00p.m. -4:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Funeral Home in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

A service to honor her life, will be held on November 6, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at Cornerstone Funeral Home with a burial to follow at Fort Gibson National Cemetery (1:30 p.m.).

Pallbearers are Johnny Lambert, Ronnie Lambert, Jerod Lambert, Jeremy Lambert, Jimmy Lambert and David Blair.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research <https://give.michaeljfox.org/> or The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 4777, New York, NY 10163.

Cemetery Details

Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Rd
Fort Gibson, OK 74434
(918) 478-2334

Previous Events

Family to greet friends

NOV 5. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

CORNERSTONE FUNERAL HOME
1830 N York St
MUSKOGEE, OK 74403

Visitation

NOV 5. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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1830 N York St
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Celebration of Life

NOV 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Interment

NOV 6. 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Kathy, Jackie and Troy, I'm so sorry for your loss, I didn't realize your dad had also passed away, time sure gets away from you. Jeremy and I live in Florida, he is going to be 49 in February and works for UPS. He has 2 little boys Jacob is 8 and Dylan is 6 and the boys love Paddington Bear. Again I'm so sorry, your whole family was always so good to us I'm sorry we didn't keep in touch. Our prayers are with you all and May she fly high with the Angels.

*Always in our hearts and prayers
Sharon Turkey Harris and Jeremy*

Sharon Harris - November 05, 2024 at 03:07 PM

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“ Words are so hollow with the loss of a loved one, but know Mary shared a special place in my heart. Will miss those shared secrets as only friends know, but the memories are locked away forever. Rest in peace my dear friend and know you are loved by many.



Carla Wentworth - November 05, 2024 at 11:55 AM

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Carla Wentworth - November 05, 2024 at 11:05 AM



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