



## Sally M. Shipman

June 2, 1955 - August 5, 2023

On August 5th 2023, Sally McNair (Grimes) Shipman went home into the loving arms of the Lord, surrounded by family. Sally was born on June 2nd, 1955, to Nancy (McSpadden) and Lacy Grimes in Muskogee, Oklahoma. She will be remembered most for all the love and joy she brought to her immediate family, church and work families and dear friends.

As a proud Muskogee native, Sally attended Longfellow Elementary and West Junior High School. Upon graduating from Muskogee High in 1973, She attended Northeastern State University. One fateful day, she and her roommate, Rhonda (Bitting) Geier, made the decision to visit Oklahoma State University, enrolling for the next semester that same afternoon. Sally graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1977 with a bachelor's degree in interior design.

Over the past 43 years, Sally gained vast experience working in the banking industry. She worked in the Mortgage Department at Firststar Bank for the past 23 years, where she will be missed by many coworkers, who quickly became close friends. Not only was Sally dedicated to her job, she was also passionate about serving in her church, teaching Sunday school for the past 50 years. Sally was known for many creative talents, such as cross-stitching, stained-glass designs, sewing projects, not to mention her delicious chocolate chip cookies.

Sally is survived by her daughter, Taylor, and fiancé, Micheal Rappe; granddaughter, Sawyer Banks, who lovingly referred to her as "G"; grandson,

Miles Givens; sister, Mary Jane (Grimes) Leafer; nephew, Chris and wife, Marin Leafer; Carrie Leafer, and wife, Niki Quesada; and her many cousins. Her parents, brother David Grimes, and brother-in-law John Leafer preceded her in death.

Sally will be greatly missed by her large Cherokee family of 17 cousins and their families, with whom she shared a deep bond. Sally's love for God and her family always shined in her beautiful smile, remembered by all who knew her. Her servant heart was genuinely felt by everyone who crossed her path. Sally's Celebration of Life will be at 10 am on Thursday, August 24th, 2023 at First Baptist Church in Muskogee, Oklahoma. In lieu of flowers, donations are appreciated to First Baptist Church's Children's Ministry.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG **24**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church Muskogee  
111 S. 7th Street  
Muskogee, OK 74401

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sally M. Shipman*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *72 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - August 22, 2023 at 05:03 PM



“ *I grew up with Sally, we lived two blocks apart. Went 1-12 Longfellow-West Jr. and Muskogee High. She was a life long friend. Always nice and always smiling. All the best to the family. DD*

Alan Dawson - August 18, 2023 at 08:55 AM



*I met Sally at church in 1990 when I moved to Muskogee. She was teaching Sunday School for the little's at FBC. She was such a kind hearted soul. Later, I worked with her at First National Bank and Trust Co and later at Firststar Bank. Sally was always happy and joyful EVERY time I saw her. She would bring her famous chocolate chip cookies to the bank just because it was Friday. or Tuesday. It didn't matter. She will be missed by many friends and family. But she won't be forgotten. Derek*

Derek Gibson - August 24, 2023 at 10:13 AM