



Sarah Mae Walters

May 1, 1975 - October 28, 2025

Sarah Mae Walters, age 50, a cherished lifetime resident of Muskogee, Oklahoma, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 28, 2025. Born on May 1, 1975, in Muskogee to Gary David Ridley Sr. and Vera (Butler) Ridley, Sarah's roots in her hometown ran deep and true.

Sarah attended Muskogee Public Schools and graduated from Muskogee High School, where she formed lifelong friendships and built fond memories that she carried with her throughout her life. Her love for her community was evident in her daily interactions and heartfelt devotion to those around her.

On June 21, 2010, Sarah married the love of her life, Marshall Ray Walters. Their union was a testament to true companionship, faith, and mutual respect. Together, they shared many beautiful years filled with joy, laughter, and unwavering support for one another.

Faith was the cornerstone of Sarah's life. She was an active and faithful member of Muskogee First Free Will Baptist Church. She loved going to church and attending church camp, and was known for her passion for music. Sarah's talent for playing the piano and singing brought comfort and inspiration to congregations wherever her father was preaching or pastoring. Her musical gifts were not just performances, but acts of worship that touched the hearts of many.

Sarah was deeply loved by her family, church members, and countless friends. Her warm smile, gentle spirit, and willingness to serve others made her a beloved presence in every room she entered. She leaves behind a legacy of kindness, devotion, and faith that will continue to inspire all who knew her.

Sarah's life will be celebrated by those who loved her dearly, and her memory will forever remain a guiding light in the hearts of her family, friends, and the Muskogee community. She will be missed profoundly but remembered with gratitude and love.

She was preceded in death by her father, Gary Ridley Sr.

Sarah is survived by her husband, Marshall of the home; mother, Vera Ridley; brother, Gary Ridley Jr. and wife Cheryl; sons, Ryan Warren and wife Rhianna, all of Muskogee; Mason Walters and wife Bonnie of Fort Gibson; daughters, Megan Walters of Muskogee, Kelli Warren and husband, Patrick Dow Jr. of Nevada; grandchildren, Jaxon Warren, J T Trinidad, Ruby Warren, Conrad Walters, Colton Walters, Creed Walters, Austin Dow, and Patrick Dow III; in-laws, Melvin and Carolyn Walters of Muskogee; sisters-in-law, Connie lane and Lana Stevenson; along with many other family and church members. Public viewing for Sarah will be from 9AM-8PM, Monday, November 3, 2025 at Cornerstone Funeral Home.

Sarah's life will be celebrated at 10AM, Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Charles Smith and Rev. Greg Meadows officiating. Interment will follow at San Bois Cemetery in Kinta, Oklahoma. Pallbearers will be Ryan Warren, Mason Walters, Jaxon Warren, Spencer Cypert, Randy Gilbert, and Logan Ridley. Honorary pallbearer will be Ramon Cabrera.

Cemetery Details

San Bois Cemetery

Kinta, OK

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Celebration of Life

NOV 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

MS

“ *Misty Standeford lit a candle in memory of Sarah Walters* ”



Misty Standeford - November 05, 2025 at 10:07 PM

MS

“ Sarah—a person who changed my life, as I’m sure she has many of you, in more ways than I can count. It’s hard to find the right words to capture nearly 40 years of friendship, laughter, & love, but I’m going to give it a try. Sarah came into my life in August 1987—our first day of 7th grade, and from that moment, I knew I had found a forever friend. Over the years, we’ve shared so much—the triumphs, the heartbreaks, the moves, weddings, births/gotcha days of children, and unfortunately deaths; but I couldn’t have made it through moments of life without her and for that I am truly grateful. We shared laughs, tears, and unforgettable conversations (even in the wee hours of the morning—when everyone else was sleeping—like normal people are supposed to do lol)—Sarah never judged me (or anyone) and always loved me for who I was—never for what I did or the choices I made (even if they weren’t always the best—oh how we learned from those lol). Sarah had an incredible way of making everyone feel seen & heard. What I will always remember most about Sarah is her kindness, her loyalty and her humor—oh my lanta- (what I would give to hear that one more time) her laugh was the best! Sarah’s laugh was infectious and would light up the darkest rooms—especially in the movie theaters lol). The truest and most honorable was her relationship with God—the relationship she was never scared to share with anyone—without even knowing she was and that’s exactly what happened with me. It took one Saturday night sleepover and the first time in a long time, Sunday morning church, where I heard her dad, Mr. Gary preach for the very first time. A moment I will never forget and appreciate to this day! So thank you, Ridley family for that!

Our friendship wasn’t just about the good times—though we have had plenty of those, it was built on trust, understanding, and unconditional love. Even when life got complicated, or when we went for weeks—sometimes month without talking, we always were able to pick right back up—because that’s when I learned what a true friendship was—it lasts through everything.

As I write this today, I feel an emptiness, like most of you, that words cannot fill, but I also feel immense gratitude. I am lucky—truly lucky—to have Sarah in my life for nearly 40 years! I will carry her

laughter, her wisdom, and her love with me for the rest of my life. Thank you Ridley's & Walters family for sharing her with me! Sarah truly made the world better just by being in it! Rest easy, my forever friend. You'll never be forgotten—not by me, not by anyone who was blessed to know you. You have truly been one of my greatest blessings. I love you & will miss you dearly, Sarah Mae!
Misty

Misty Standeford - November 05, 2025 at 10:06 PM

MD

“ *Melissa Dow lit a candle in memory of Sarah Walters*



Melissa Dow - November 04, 2025 at 09:00 AM

KH

“ *I work with Sarah at the high school she was always sweet and nice and funny and she was awesome friend she have me laughing at work all the time with her beautiful smile I will always cherish the time and the memories I have with Sarah am going miss so much form know Sarah I know she loves her family and her Church with love from high school family*



Kathleen Henry - November 04, 2025 at 08:27 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sarah Mae Walters.*



November 03, 2025 at 04:26 PM



“ *Ralph and Carol May lit a candle in memory of Sarah Walters*



Ralph and Carol May - November 03, 2025 at 04:16 PM



“ *Love, Pastor Bryan and Carolyn Meadows purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Sarah Mae Walters.*



Love, Pastor Bryan and Carolyn Meadows - November 03, 2025 at 03:47 PM



“ *Love, Pastor Bryan and Carolyn Meadows planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sarah Mae Walters.*

Love, Pastor Bryan and Carolyn Meadows - November 03, 2025 at 03:47 PM



“ 2 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - November 03, 2025 at 09:58 AM



“ *Mark and Amanda Thomas purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Sarah Mae Walters.*



Mark and Amanda Thomas - November 02, 2025 at 10:56 AM



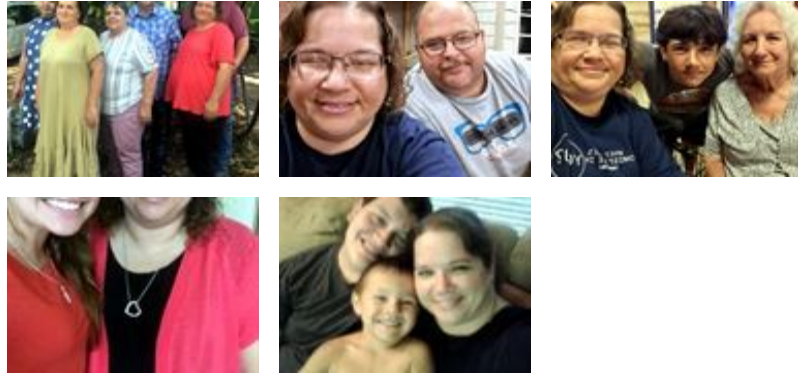
“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Sarah Mae Walters.*



November 02, 2025 at 08:27 AM



“ 72 files added to the album Life Tributes



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - October 31, 2025 at 07:24 PM



“ Wanda Pangborn purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Sarah Mae Walters.



Wanda Pangborn - October 31, 2025 at 04:38 PM



“ Wanda Pangborn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sarah Mae Walters.

Wanda Pangborn - October 31, 2025 at 04:38 PM



“ Debbie R. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sarah Mae Walters.

Debbie R. - October 31, 2025 at 04:26 PM



“ *Most of my memories from A.R. junior high are with Sarah in them. That girl could make anyone smile or laugh. She was something. To Marshal and her family I am so very sorry for your loss.*



Mellissa-James Rhodes - October 31, 2025 at 01:49 AM



“ *Lana Lively sent a virtual gift in memory of Sarah Walters*



Lana Lively - October 30, 2025 at 08:36 PM



“ *She was the sweetest person ever we had a couple classes in high school. She will be missed. And to her family thoughts and prayers prayer 🙏. She will always be looking in on you guys. She is always with you always.*



Mike Crain - October 30, 2025 at 07:53 PM



“ *Vera, Gary, David we are so sorry to hear about Sarah. Our prayers are with you all*

Rene Webb - October 30, 2025 at 07:14 PM

LL

“ Lana Lively lit a candle in memory of Sarah Walters



Lana Lively - October 30, 2025 at 07:04 PM

MW

“ Bestie, I miss you more than I can write. I love you so very, very much. Thank you for coming back into my life and allowing God to use you to save me. Thank you for loving me despite all my flaws. You will always be my Momdea and I your Snickers. I wish I could hear you say, "Oh my Lanta" just one more time. Enjoy heaven, I'll be here, eating Taco Tico and missing you like mad. I'll see you soon.

Mollie Witham - October 30, 2025 at 06:10 PM

LH

“ "Sarah smile " God loves You! Sarah was the first hug I received at Tony Goetz. She was evidence of a loving family and true follower of Christ. You have my sincere condolences. May her love remain in your hearts forever!

Liz Hanley - October 30, 2025 at 11:28 AM

RW

“ Rick / Gail Ward lit a candle in memory of Sarah Walters



Rick / Gail Ward - October 30, 2025 at 10:07 AM

NM

“ Vera, Gary David, and family I am so sorry to hear of Sara’s passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Nickie Murry - October 29, 2025 at 10:03 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Sarah Mae Walters.



October 29, 2025 at 06:42 PM

ST

“ Sherrie (Grandy) Perry, Matt, Tyson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sarah Mae Walters.

Sherrie (Grandy) Perry, Matt, Tyson - October 29, 2025 at 06:42 PM