



## Vivian L. Kernes

December 15, 1941 - May 5, 2024

Vivian Leigh Kernes, 82, of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed away Sunday, May 5, 2024. She was born December 15, 1941 in Wilburton, Oklahoma to Clarence Luther and Winniford Elizabeth (Willis) Johnson. She attended public school and furthered her education at Oklahoma State University receiving an associate's degree.

Vivian married Floyd Eugene Kernes on July 22, 1984 in Muskogee. They shared many years of life and marriage until his passing.

She worked for the Cherokee Nation as an operations manager and retired after 20 years of service.

She was an animal lover and adored her dogs.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Floyd Kernes; her son, Steven Colwell; and her grandmother, Hattie Mae.

Vivan is survived by her daughter, Teresa Colwell of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; stepdaughter, Phyllis Kinsey of Austin, Texas; grandsons, Kyle McMurphy of Fort Worth, Texas and Dustin Colwell of Muskogee, Oklahoma; granddaughters, Jessica Prince of Owasso, Oklahoma and Alisha Colwell of Muskogee, Oklahoma; sister, Carolyn Alexander of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; along with many nieces, nephews, many great-grandchildren, and other family

members.

Vivian's life will be remembered at 11AM, Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at Fort Gibson National Cemetery with Chaplain Stacy Reaves officiating.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Gibson National Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAY 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

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