



## Wilma Jean Martin

September 18, 1934 - August 29, 2019

Jeannie (Brand) Martin, (Nannie), 84 of Warner, Oklahoma went to her heavenly home on Thursday, August 29, 2019 in Muskogee, Oklahoma. Jeannie was born on September 18, 1934 in Onapa, Oklahoma to Dallas and Opal (Russell) Brand. She married the love of her life Bill J. Martin in Fort Smith, Arkansas. They enjoyed over 63 years of marriage together. Jeannie earned an associate degree from Connors State College. She furthered her education at Northeastern State University where she earned a Bachelor of Science, Master of Administration in Elementary Education, and Master's in Guidance Counseling. Also, she received a Public Administration degree from the University of Tulsa.

While living in Warner, she taught English and psychology at Connors, as well as, being the Director of Food Services. She then transitioned to Warner High School where she taught English and was a counselor for thirteen years. Finally, she became Warner Public Schools first female principal for the next seven years. Throughout Jeannie's tenure she was honored to receive Muskogee County Teacher of the Year in 1976 and Principal of the Year for District 17.

Jeannie was a lifelong member First Baptist Church in Warner, where she was saved as a young woman. During her 28 years in education, she was a member of nine educational associations. To her grandchildren and great-

grandchildren, she was known as Nannie. Nannie was a great cook and loved to sew. They looked forward to her homemade breakfasts, Christmas stockings, and apricot fried pies. Many of her former students enjoyed her homemade baby quilts with handwritten notes for their new arrivals. Nannie was always hospitable. She had a knack for telling you what you needed to hear, and not what you wanted to hear.

She was preceded in death by her parents Dallas and Opal Brand, husband Bill J. Martin, in-laws Verlin and Selma Martin, sisters Margaret Brand, Frances Palmer, Mary Helen Brand, Mary Ellen Cowlin, Esther Brand, nephew Greg Martin, and great nephew Thomas Gregory Martin II.

Jeannie is survived by daughters Debbie Fast and husband James of Fort Gibson, Oklahoma; granddaughter, Jamie Kirkhart and husband Chad of Muskogee, Oklahoma; grandson Joey Fast and wife Brette of Fort Gibson, Oklahoma great-grandchildren Katie, Kenzie, and Karlie Kirkhart and Zoey and Zade Fast; brother-in-law Bob Martin and wife Jackie of Morgan Hill, California; Buddy Martin and wife Sue of Checotah, Oklahoma; sisters-in-law Phyllis Sloan and husband Wayne of Gore, Oklahoma, Mary Beth Gately and husband Larry of Checotah, Oklahoma; many nephews, nieces, cousins, and close friends.

A special word of thanks is given to the staff of Dogwood Creek in Muskogee and Transitions Hospice for the kind, considerate, and loving care they extended to Jeannie during this time.

In lieu of flowers Jeannie's family has requested a memorial scholarship in Jeannie's name at Armstrong Bank for Warner Public Schools. Jeannie's family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Friday, September 6, 2019 at Cornerstone Funeral Home.

A celebration of Jeannie's life will be at 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church Warner, Oklahoma, with Pastor Monte Humphrey officiating. Pallbearers: Kim Collins, Wayne Herriman, Robert Kelly, Stephen Jones, Paul Whitley, Jerry Fredrick, Paul McCrary, and Austin Yates. Honorary pallbearers: Ricky Kirkhart, Monte Madewell, Jack Moore, Don Perryman, Don Miller, Steve Sloan, Luther Martin, Pete Hisely, and Richard Ralls. An interment will follow, Greenlawn Cemetery, Checotah, Oklahoma.

Funeral services are under the directions of Cornerstone Funeral Home, 1830 North York Muskogee, Oklahoma. Condolences may be made to the family online at [www.cornerstoneofmuskogee.com](http://www.cornerstoneofmuskogee.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 3. 1:00 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

SEP 4. 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

SEP 5. 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

SEP 6. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Family Visitation

SEP 6. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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

## Service

SEP 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

Warner First Baptist Church  
810 2nd Ave  
Warner, OK 74469

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wilma Jean Martin* ”

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



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**Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory** - September 06, 2019 at 11:29 AM



*"A Precious Moment in Time.. To Have as a Time passes By" ..*

**Ceri Beedle** - October 05, 2019 at 07:52 PM



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**Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory** - September 05, 2019 at 01:56 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wilma Jean Martin.*



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September 04, 2019 at 11:14 AM



“ *Debbie,  
So very sorry for your loss! One of the smartest and sweetest ladies I have ever known. And a true Lady she was!*

*She came to see me in the hospital when I was born and her car got stolen. That was a big deal in 1965 in Muskogee Ok. She was my teacher and my school counselor and helped You Debbie, make sure my wedding was beautiful!*

*Wonderful Family! My deepest sympathy for your family.  
Dana Hales Webb*

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**Dana Webb** - September 03, 2019 at 10:10 PM



“ *She was a “straight shooter with kind words”. Sometimes a little pinch and always a frown if you said that “ain’t” word. It was all out of love and compassion though, because she had a heart for all her students, faculty, friends and of course, family. She wanted everyone to be the best at whatever they decided to do in life. A treasure who will be missed and who we all will remember fondly with a smile.*

*Susie Crittenden-Chambers*

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**Susie Crittenden-Chambers** - September 03, 2019 at 07:45 PM