



Bette Ann Scates

July 18, 1953 - September 8, 2024

Bette Ann Scates passed away peacefully at her home in Tishomingo, Oklahoma, on September 8, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on July 18, 1953, in Corcoran, California, to Robert Hardy Wyatt and Nannie Wayne (Taylor) Wyatt.

Bette earned her master's degree in history from East Central University and dedicated her life to education, teaching at Coalgate Public Schools for 32 years before retiring in 2005. She married the love of her life, Harold Scates, on July 30, 1985, and together they made Tishomingo their home for the past 39 years.

A devoted member of Calvary Baptist Church, Bette served faithfully as the church secretary, Sunday School teacher, and choir member. Her passion for singing and love for the church community was an avid part of her life. In addition to her church work, she supported Harold in helping with the farm and loved horses. The couple were inseparable and were known for doing everything together, including traveling to 49 states—except Hawaii, as Bette wouldn't fly.

Bette was an avid reader, loved books. She also had a deep appreciation for the outdoors, history, and exploring national parks, always seeking adventure with her family.

She is survived by her husband, Harold Scates of the home; her daughters, Kimberly Downard of McKinney, Texas, and Stefine Wood and husband Jay of Tishomingo; her son, Billy Scates of Tishomingo; her grandchildren, Jordan Westfall of Yukon, Camyn Knox of Houston, Konnor Knox of Oklahoma City, and Kizzie Wood of Tishomingo; and great-grandchildren Gigi and Reagan, along with a host of other relatives and friends.

Bette was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, and four sisters.

A celebration of her life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 12, 2024, at Calvary Baptist Church in Tishomingo, Oklahoma.

Arrangements were made under the direction and care of DeArman-Clark Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP 12. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Bette and I were good friends during our last two years of high school at Silo, OK. She was very shy in those days, but so smart and fun to be around. We shared many adventures, We had lost touch over the years, but I have many fond memories of Bette, and I have thought of her often. My thoughts and prayers are with her family. The world has lost a beautiful light.*

Carol Kelso - September 10, 2024 at 02:56 PM

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“ *R.i.p. Harold and family so sorry for your loss. Your in my thoughts and prayers*

Nathan E Stephens - September 10, 2024 at 12:34 PM

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Miss Wyatt, as we addressed her in class taught me how to study and become a good student. Coalgate HS graduate 1983, Stacy Pulliam Nobles.

Stacy Pulliam Nobles - September 10, 2024 at 07:30 PM

JR

i will agree with stacy pulliam nobles....she taught us well....and knew how to have fun also...all the FHA trips she helped chaperone were so much fun.....thank you, mrs. scates, for everything.

johnna rosenthal - September 10, 2024 at 07:40 PM