



Catherine Olive Pendergraft

December 28, 1924 - December 27, 2020

Catherine Olive Wisdom Pendergraft entered into heaven on December 27, 2020. She was born on December 28, 1924 to Cleveland and Alice Wisdom at their home in Mill Creek, Oklahoma. Catherine was a proud, full-blood, Chickasaw citizen who loved life and lived everyday to the fullest. Catherine attended Bloomfeild Academy in her early childhood and attended Chilocco Indian School for most of her high school days. She moved back to Mill Creek her senior year, where she graduated. After graduation, she moved to Oklahoma City where a lot of her friends from Chilocco lived. They all ran around together and lived together, working various jobs in the big city. Catherine lived in Oklahoma City several years, where she raised her children. She later settled back in Mill Creek, to care for her dad and mom. As a caretaker, she found time to go back to school, and earn a degree in business administration from Murray State College, while working fulltime at the Chickasaw Motor Inn in Sulphur, OK. She would eventually retire from the Chickasaw Nation, serving many years as a Dorm Parent at Carter Seminary School in Ardmore. When asked why she got a degree just to teach kids, she replied "I am a teacher, counselor, parent and chauffeur." Known as Miss Pen, she was strict, but loved and respected by her kids. Catherine lived a full and blessed life surrounded by family and friends. She loved going to anything that involved her family,

watching OU football games, hanging out at the Chickasaw senior sites, attending the senior trips and of course, dancing...leading the conga line! She was member of About the Father's Business Church in Ardmore and loved traveling to hear her son preach.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Cleveland Wisdom and Alice Carhee Wisdom

Cass; an aunt, Mae Pearl Durin; brother, Albert Wisdom; sisters, Evelyn Wisdom Holland

and Ruby Jean Mitchell Barlow; a daughter, Anita Wade; and daughter-in-law, Nancy Wade.

She is survived by three sisters, Lillian Wisdom Underwood of Mill Creek, OK, Ruthie

Mitchell Ellis, of Ada, OK, and Juanita Cass Moody of Mill Creek, OK; two sons, Steven

Bell of Mill Creek, OK, and Randy Wade of Ravia, OK; a daughter, Paula Wade Brown

and husband Kelly Brown of Ada, OK; nine grandchildren, Terry Fox, Jr., Sherry Fox

Acker, Tony Hulbutta, Matthew Wade, Bethany Wade McCord, Lillian Wade, Catherine

Factor Roberson, LaRue Baken Wright, Paul Baken, and their spouses; 27 great

grandchildren; and nine great great grandchildren.

Funeral Services to honor and celebrate the life of Catherine Olive Pendergraft will be held on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at 2:00 PM at DeArman-Clark Funeral Home Chapel. Interment to follow at Seeley Cemetery. Family hour will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 on Tuesday.

Cemetery Details

Seeley Cemetery

Connerville, OK 74836

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

DEC **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

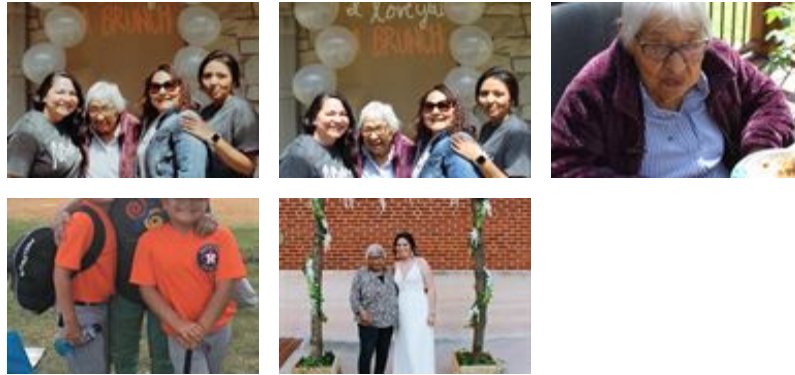


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DeArman Funeral Home - December 29, 2020 at 06:19 PM



“ *Cat was a good friend to me. I met her a few years ago while attending the Connerville Senior Site. She always had a smile and had a laugh that I enjoyed hearing. Rest in peace my friend.*

Marie Montin - December 29, 2020 at 03:38 PM



“ *I met Cat several years ago on a Chickasaw Senior trip and since I have loved to be around her. Always so full of life and a smile for everyone. She will really be missed at our Connerville Senior site. Rest in sweet peace Cat.*

Sharon Cole - December 29, 2020 at 03:36 PM