



## Martha Ann Kimbrough

February 28, 1932 - September 18, 2021

Martha Ann Trotter was born to Douglas and Ila Mae Trotter in Tishomingo, Oklahoma on February 28, 1932. She grew up in “Tish” and as a teenager she was very proud of the instruction her mother had given her and her sister in home economics. She followed proudly in the footsteps of her sister Sarah Garrett, who she admired greatly her entire life. Martha, Sarah, and her future husband, John Kimbrough, grew up together and John practically lived with Doug and Ila as teens. He ate dinner with the Trotter family nearly every night. Martha was a member of the 1950 graduating class of Tishomingo High School. She attended Bethany Nazarene College, now known as Southern Nazarene University. Subsequently starting out with a variety of positions in the workforce including traveling sales for a manufacturer of funeral products through Colorado, Kansas, and Oklahoma.

Martha married John Kimbrough, her childhood sweetheart, on October 4, 1969. They shared the beginning of their devoted life together in Hobbs, NM and later moved to Chinle, AZ where she became the Food Service Director for the Chinle Public School District. She was most proud of the ten memorable years she and John spent in public service on the Navajo Indian Reservation.

Moving back to Tishomingo, Oklahoma in 1980, Martha was employed at the Bank of Johnston County, where she became close acquaintances with numerous local customers and many Johnston County residents. She spent a lot of those days as a care giver to her elderly parents. Martha is a longtime

member of the United Methodist Church of Tishomingo and became a charter member of "The Terrific 10+", a group of church friends who had developed a strong personal friendship bond through traveling and fellowship together.

Martha loved and had a passion for reading and staying current on local, statewide, and national events. She loved trivia and often would come up with informative conversation. She loved Johnston County history and was proud of her membership in the Historical Society. Some of her most memorable times were spent working alongside her husband baking delicious pies for everyone, clean up his kitchen mess, and then gave him all the credit. She was passionate in her devotion to husband, John, and has now fulfilled her end-of-life desire to be with him in Heaven.

Martha was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, and her husband. She is survived by a son Charles and wife Cindy Kimbrough of Oklahoma City; grandchildren Lucas and wife Jessica Kimbrough; Katie Hearn and husband Steven; Adam Smith and wife Kristen; great grandchildren Miles, Sidney, Lily, and Gram; nephew Marcus Garret and wife Donna, nieces Barbara Hogelin and Traci Robertson.

A special thank you to Cheryl Blount, Director at Canoe Brook Assisted Living in Ardmore. She and her staff went above and beyond to make Martha's life comfortable. The family thanks Good Shepherd Hospice in Ardmore for comforting Martha through the end.

A celebration of life will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, September 25, 2021 at the Tishomingo Cemetery Pavilion.

# Cemetery Details

## Tishomingo Cemetery

Tishomingo, OK 73460

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP **25**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Tishomingo Cemetery  
Tishomingo, OK 73460

# Tribute Wall



“ *DeArman Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Martha Ann Kimbrough*



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**DeArman Funeral Home** - September 21, 2021 at 12:35 PM



“ *Martha Ann Kimbrough*

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October 05, 2023 at 07:47 PM



“ *My condolences to the Kimbrough family. Martha and John were always kind and supportive of me. Kirk A. Rodden*

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**Kirk Rodden** - September 25, 2021 at 03:04 PM

MK

“*Martha was my special sister. She meant no harm to anyone. We talked every week. She gave all she could to everyone. She asked for so little in return. She was a fine Christian Lady. She was a true Aunt to my children. My children were able to spend 10 very close years with Martha when she lived in Chinle. She spoke of them as her own. Every week until she died she would individually ask about each of them. She always said "tell them I love them." Then as Don's children came into the picture she would ask about them. She always took an interest in everyone's welfare. I miss Martha already and always will. I loved her and will love her memory forever.*”  
--Mildred

*"Aunt Martha lived in Chinle when I was in High School. I remember how she supported me to be a success in everything, whether sports, academics, or personal life. I loved my Aunt Martha very much and will continue to love her in my heart forever." -- Don*

*"Dear Aunt Martha,  
Gone but not forgotten,  
Always in our hearts,  
Forever loved.*

*You have left us with many fond memories:  
the cowbell at the football games,  
the pink Jeep around town,  
the most beautiful feet in the world,  
the need for speed (passing as many cars at one time and counting them all).  
You were full of fun.*

*A Godly woman,  
A believer in Jesus Christ,  
We'll see you again in heaven.  
Until then you are greatly  
Loved and missed."*

--Jan

*"Sending sincere condolences to all who have had the pleasure of knowing Martha, especially as we did in her identity as aunt. We will remember her with love and laughter, recalling images of her with her cowbell, pink Jeep, polite ma'm(s), zest for genealogy and fish fries, and general good and practical humor and humility." – Jeania*

*"Though I was young during those years in Chinle, I do remember what a good woman she was. I always loved seeing her when she visited us each year after. She was a sweet lady." --Jeff*

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**Mildred Kimbrough** - September 21, 2021 at 02:12 PM

JD

*I was so saddened to hear of Martha's passing I'm so glad I got to see her in June when we went to visit her loved seeing her after all those years of not seeing her when I was younger she was my second mom she would spoil us rotten and give us what our mother wouldn't. She was married to my uncle Jody I have great memories of her so glad she was part of my life! Love you Aunt Martha till we meet again Julie Ann*

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**Julie Defibaugh** - October 04, 2021 at 10:10 PM



“ 54 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**DeArman Funeral Home** - September 21, 2021 at 12:19 PM



“ *You ended up a nickel ahead* ”

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**Ken Walker** - September 20, 2021 at 08:11 PM