



Patsy Ruth Dobbins

October 7, 1937 - January 27, 2025

Patsy Ruth (Gates) Dobbins was born October 7, 1937 to Wilbert & Gracie Viola Johnston Gates Nelms. She was born 2 ½ miles north of the Wynnewood football field and ½ a mile east on the family farm. She passed away January 27, 2025 at home with her daughters by her side.

She married Kenneth Dobbins and in this union they had 4 children, Debra Lynn, Annette Ruth, Cherri Sue and Kenneth Joe II.

She attended Wynnewood grade school until the family moved to OKC and she attended Jackson Junior High. They then moved back to Wynnewood and she graduated in 1956, where she learned to drive in a school bus.

As a young girl she would tell us stories about working on the farm, playing in the creek, and every summer her cousins from the city would stay with them. She would do whatever the boys did, whether it was jumping out of the loft of the barn or getting into mischief. She was a bit ornery, stubborn, but had a heart of gold.

We can remember her taking food to people in need and befriending those who needed a friend. She taught Sunday school, a 4-H leader, Brownie leader, member of the Home Extension Group, Redhatters, and TOPS.

She made our childhood fun, and especially liked taking us trick-or-treating with the perk of helping us eat the candy. Yes, She had a sweet tooth! We would fill water balloons, pile into the big green station wagon and she would take us around town throwing them. On a snowy day she would get our friends and us in the car and go out and do donuts. She loved acting like a

witch and chasing us around the house. If she caught you she would tickle you! She was so much fun and enjoyed these things as much as we did. As we kids got older she went to Mid-America Votech and received her LPN license on January 3, 1975. She worked at the Wynnewood Nursing Home, Pauls Valley General Hospital, Norman Regional Hospital, Veterans Center, Mental Health Outpatient in Norman, and Pauls Valley State School where she retired.

Patsy is preceded in death by her son Kenny, who passed August 1, 2020. Her parents, her brother Bobby Gates & his wife Jan. Sister Betty Leeman and her husband Steve. Grandparents Melvin & Pearl Johnston, grandparents Horace & Lydia gates. Son-in-law David Bruner, and step father Ralph Nelms. She is survived by her three daughters, Debe Luke of OKC, Annette Bruner and Cherri Dobbins of the home in Wynnewood. 2 sisters, Vicki Eastwood & husband Jerry, and Connie Dotson both of Wynnewood. 8 grandchildren, Brad Dobbins & wife Tracy, Krystal Greathouse & husband Steve, Jordyne Sliger & husband Brandon, Dylan Bruner & wife Averi, Nicole Kohmescher, Lance Luke & wife Alex, Kala Harrod & husband William and KJ Dobbins & wife Bailey. 7 great-grandchildren, Breanna Cannon, Irely McDaniel, Dublin McDaniel, Wick Kohmescher, Blythe Luke, Daxtyn Sliger, Jack Sliger and baby Dobbins on the way. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, January 30, 2025 from 4-7PM at the DeArman Funeral Home of Wynnewood. Services will be held on Friday, January 31, 2025 at 1PM in the DeArman Funeral Home Chapel in Wynnewood, with interment to follow at Oaklawn Cemetery.

Services are under the direction of the DeArman Funeral Home of Wynnewood.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Cemetery

Wynnewood
Wynnewood, OK 73098

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

DeArman Funeral Home- Wynnewood
103 E Cherokee St
Wynnewood, OK 73098
(405) 665-4554
<https://www.dearmanfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

JAN 31. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ My deepest condolences to Deb’s Luke and all of the Dobbins family for the passing of their mother. May God wrap His loving arms around each and everyone and give them the strength to endure all things. prayers and hugs for all 🙏
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“ Must have been one heck of a woman to raise two of my favorite ladies, Debe and Cherri. Sending big hugs and thinking of yall. □

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