



## Sylvia Christine Brooks

November 11, 1928 - April 10, 2025

Sylvia Christine Brooks, a resident of Wynnewood, OK, was born on November 11, 1928 in the Daylight Community to Minnie (Carter) and Oliver J. Layton. She passed away at her daughter's home on April 10, 2025 at the age of 96. Sylvia was a 1946 Wynnewood High School graduate, graduating as the class Valedictorian. She had worked for Mettry's Department Store in Wynnewood. She was married to William Howard Brooks in Maud, OK on November 26, 1947 and he preceded her in death on December 1, 2006. In addition to her husband she was preceded in death by all nine of her siblings, a son - Bruce Brooks, a grandson - Shane Gilmore, and a son-in-law - Mike Gilmore.

She is survived by her 2 daughters and son in law - Charlotte Gilmore of Pauls Valley, OK and Rita and husband Jim "Bucky" Phillips of Wynnewood, OK; a daughter in law - Phyllis Brooks of Pawnee, OK; 7 grandchildren and spouses - Bill Gilmore, Jeff and wife Amy Phillips, Lisa and husband Jeremy Hoffman, Matt and wife Cassie Phillips, Sherri and husband Derek Schader, Douglas Brooks, and Jeremy and wife Sarah Brooks; several great grandchildren and one great great grandchild. Pallbearers will include Jeff Phillips, Matt Phillips, Bill Gilmore, Jeremy Hoffman, Cameron Hoffman, and Easton Hoffman.

(The life of Sylvia Brooks in her daughter's words) We were so very fortunate to be raised in a Christian home with parents who took us to church every time the doors were open. Mom was a favorite Sunday School teacher of children and youth for many years. She lived her testimony on a daily basis and her greatest joy was witnessing her family and church families expressing their salvation. She was a dedicated prayer warrior for our family and all who requested prayer. She was a member of Eastern Gate Baptist Church, Wynnewood.

Our mother had a love for travel beginning when we were young children. We visited throughout the United States with a trip every summer pulling a one-wheel, handmade trailer, knowing well ahead of time what camp ground we had to make it to before dark. All of this was due to her very frugal planning. Her most memorable trip was to the Holy Land in 1979.

Mom had a love for gardening and supplemented our food supply by canning and filling two freezers with garden produce throughout the summer months. She had no fear of hard work. Three meals a day and we aren't talking junk food or fast food.

Mom spent approximately 12 years researching and compiling her Carter-Layton family history. The result is a 352 page hard back published book shared by family members hopefully, for generations to come.

She was privileged to share the home of her daughter and son in law, Rita and Jim Phillips, these past four years. They were her primary caregivers. Because of this she was quite spoiled and if truth be told she enjoyed the attention immensely.

Vistation will be held on Sunday April the 13th at DeArman Funeral Home in Wynnewood from 1 PM to 5 PM. Services will be held at Graveside at Oaklawn Cemetery in Wynnewood, OK on Monday

April the 14th at 10 AM with David Earl Brooks officiating and Loyd Christiansen assisting. DeArman Funeral Home of Wynnewood is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences to [www.dearmanfuneralhome.com](http://www.dearmanfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Oaklawn Cemetery

Wynnewood  
Wynnewood, OK 73098

## Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Sylvia was my Aunt and she taught my Sunday School class for years. She started every class with the Lord's prayer. She was a faithful, wonderful woman who is most certainly with her Lord and family in heaven. May the Lord bless her and her family.*

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**Byron "Keith" Rose** - April 28, 2025 at 10:56 PM

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“ *Sorry to hear of Sylvia's passing. We were distant cousins. My mom was LaVerne Nowlin Pullen. Love and prayers ,  
Jana(Pullen)Hickman*

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**Jana Hickman** - April 12, 2025 at 03:52 PM

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“ *I loved this lady! She was always an encourager and dedicated Christian who walked the walk every day. I know all of heaven is rejoicing!!!*

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**Dianna Cunnius** - April 12, 2025 at 10:34 AM