



Viva Jean Ashley

October 21, 1939 - January 24, 2023

Viva Jean Ashley, 83, was born on October 21, 1939, to Edward and Ruby Lofton in Tishomingo, Oklahoma. She passed away peacefully in her favorite chair, at home, in Wynnewood, Oklahoma on January 24, 2023. with family beside her.

Jean graduated from Mill Creek High School in 1957 and studied English Literature at Southeastern State in Durant, Oklahoma. After graduating college in 1961, she and husband Don O'Dell moved to Montana, where they were both teachers. She taught at Snow Creek Schools in Brusett, Montana. She always had a love for children. In Montana, they adopted Tracy, Todd and Tamara and later moved back to Oklahoma had Trevor.

She eventually settled in Wynnewood, Oklahoma with her husband Larry Ashley. They often traveled in their camper and did a lot of fishing. They loved to dance together and embraced the life and love they shared. After Larry passed away, she adopted, Jazzy, her furry best friend.

Jean, known to most everyone as Granny, loved to take her grands camping at "Granny Camp" at Lake Texoma in the Summer. The grandkids all remember her teaching them to play dominoes and how she always made them the best breakfasts. She will be dearly missed.

She is survived by: Daughter Tamara O'Dell, two brothers, James Lofton and Jerry Lofton, two sisters, Kay Lewis and Susan Morris, ten grandchildren, Olivia Price (Travis), Aaron O'Dell (Ashley), James Conway, Kacy Weir

(Brandon), Elizabeth Diaz (Selena), Madi Davis (Ryan), Shelbie Cox (Colby), Abbie O'Dell, Joshua Davis, Tanner O'Dell, and six great grandchildren, Trace Price, Peyton Price, Jace O'Dell, Trooper Diaz, Harrison Weir and Violet Weir.

She is preceded in death by: her parents, husband Larry Ashley, one brother, Carol Lofton, and one son, Tracy O'Dell.

Cemetery Details

Green Hill Cemetery

Davis, OK

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **29**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

Celebration of Life

JAN **30**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Viva Jean Ashley*

October 05, 2023 at 07:47 PM



“ *Condolences to Jean's family.. I know she'll be greatly missed..
Viva Jean, that's what Dad called her, was one of my Dad's favorite
cousins..*

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