



## Cathy Jean Rutledge

August 23, 1954 - December 19, 2019

On Thursday, December 19, 2019, Cathy Jean Rutledge, loving wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at the age of 65 years. Cathy was born August 23, 1954, in Bonham, Texas, to Charley Coy and Virginia Ruth Dobbins Money. She completed her secondary education in Owasso, Oklahoma, and graduated with the Owasso High School Class of 1972. She continued her education attending the University of Tulsa graduating in 1976, then earning her master's degree in counseling at Northeastern State University in 1982. She married the love of her life, Bob Kenneth Rutledge, June 10, 1978, at First Baptist Church in Owasso. Cathy was a lifetime educator with Union Public Schools, Tulsa Public Schools, and Owasso Public Schools, for over 30 years.

Cathy shared a love for motorcycles with her husband Bob. They spent the early years of their relationship traveling the United States and enjoying the open air. She loved her family time more than anything. This love of family extended to the children she taught and supported as a counselor. She passionately cared for her children and was known for a special love and influence that only Cathy could give. In retirement, grandchildren were her life. Her kind and compassionate spirit lifted those around her and those that loved her deeply. Those she leaves behind who hold many cherished memories include:

Her husband of over 41 years; Bob, of the home

Two daughters and sons-in-law; Leslie and Will Syring, of Edmond, Oklahoma

Lisa and Jason Dennis, of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

Four grandchildren; Quinnley, Pendleton, Wilder, and baby girl Syring due February 10, 2020

Sister; Joella Roberts, of Owasso

Brother and sister-in-law; Coy and Julie Money, of Owasso

She was preceded in death by her parents, Virginia and Charley.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, December 22, 2019, at Mowery Funeral Service in Owasso. Funeral service will be held 10:00 a.m. Monday, December 23, 2019, at First Church of Owasso with Dwayne Thompson officiating. Serving as casket bearers will be Will Syring, Jason Dennis, Jerry Rutledge, Colton Roberts, Patrick James, and Ron Hughes. Committal service and interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery in

Owasso. The family requests memorial contributions be made to The Mission-FBC Owasso, 11341 North Garnett Road, Owasso, Oklahoma, 74055, [www.fbcowasso.org/themission/](http://www.fbcowasso.org/themission/) or The Owasso Education Foundation, P.O. Box 161, Owasso, Oklahoma, 74055, [www.owassoeducationfoundation.org](http://www.owassoeducationfoundation.org). Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso. [www.moweryfs.com](http://www.moweryfs.com)

# Cemetery

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**Fairview Cemetery**  
11811 E. 76th St. N.  
Owasso, OK, 74055

# Events

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**DEC 22 Visitation** 01:00PM - 05:00PM  
Mowery Funeral Service Chapel  
9110 North Garnett Road, Owasso, OK, US, 74055

**DEC 23 Memorial Fund** 10:00AM  
Owasso Education Foundation  
P.O. Box 161, Owasso, OK, US, 74055

**DEC 23 Service** 10:00AM  
FIRST CHURCH  
10100 N Garnett Rd, Owasso, OK, US, 74055-6400

**DEC 23 Memorial Fund**  
The Mission  
11341 North Garnett Road, Owasso, OK, US, 74055

# Comments

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“ I just heard tonight about sweet Cathy. Our families were good friends growing up and we went to Gilcrease together. My sincere condolences to the family.  
Robin Conley Craig

Robin Conley Craig - January 01 at 10:38 PM

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“ Cathy was always a very dear friend. She was one of the sweetest people I ever knew. I remember one of her slumber parties. She fell asleep and we put toothpaste on her. Boy did that make a mess on the couch when she squirmed. Mrs. Money was my 3rd grade teacher who taught me cursive. One thing that is really bothering me, just a few days ago, the Lord laid Cathy on my heart. I messaged Joella to see how Cathy was. Then tonight, I read where she was gone. It breaks my heart. I guess I waited too long to find Cathy. My heart breaks.

Christy Campbell Dill - December 23, 2019 at 11:57 PM

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Mowery Funeral Service - December 22, 2019 at 06:13 PM

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“ Joella, Coy, Rutledge Family and Money Family,  
I am saddened to hear this news today. One of my daughters taught at Smith with Cathy for a year and my mom worked with Cathy at TG&Y in the 70's when Cathy was in college getting her degree in education. Both have said great things about Cathy. They were very sad to hear this news today also. I saw Cathy about three years ago in Tulsa when I was at lunch with my granddaughter who has special needs and health problems. She was sitting in front of us at a booth, but I didn't know it was Cathy until she stood up and was about to leave. I said hello to her and she walked over to our booth and I told her the school and class my granddaughter would be attending that fall. Without hesitating, Cathy offered her help in obtaining an IEP for my granddaughter and told me and/or my daughter to call her if we needed any help or guidance to get all her needs met at school. I've thought often since that day how sweet it was for her to offer her help.  
Praying for comfort and strength for your family.  
Sherri Brannon Lefler

**Sherri Lefler** - December 21, 2019 at 12:12 AM

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“ Cathy has always been a mentor to me. Beginning with being my supervisor in the early days at T.G.&Y, to being my mentor teacher at Grove Elementary. During my internship with Cathy I was in awe of her ability to capture every child's attention and make each one feel special. After 40 years of teaching, I am still using what I learned from her in my classroom today. Cathy was a natural leader with children and adults. She was always happy and a great friend. Cathy has touched so many lives, that her spirit will continue to influence generations in the future. She will be missed.  
Denise (Stamper) Thomas

**Denise Thomas** - December 20, 2019 at 08:30 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Cathy Jean Rutledge.



December 20, 2019 at 04:36 PM

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“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Cathy Jean Rutledge.



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