



## Bernetta Mae Bishop

September 26, 1930 - September 3, 2025

Bernetta Mae Bishop was born September 26, 1930 in Neodesha, Kansas to Curtis Lester and Bernice Moletta Vantrease. She died Wednesday, September 3, 2025 in Owasso, Oklahoma at the age of 94, on what would have been her late husband's 95th birthday. Bernetta grew up in Neodesha, Kansas and graduated from Neodesha High School. While working at the First Bank of Independence after graduation, Bernetta met the love of her life, Leon Allen Bishop. The two were married on May 1, 1949 in Independence, Kansas and, together, began a marriage built on love, faith and devotion to family.

After her time working at the bank, Bernetta dedicated herself to being a homemaker, pouring her heart into caring for Leon and their four children. In 1980, Bernetta and Leon made Owasso, Oklahoma their home, where they lived for the rest of their lives. Bernetta was a woman of strong faith and a long-time member of First Baptist Church of Owasso. She enjoyed many pastimes, especially cooking and sewing, and she lovingly made clothes, pillows and quilts for her children and her grandchildren. She took great pride in always having lunch ready on Sunday for any family who came by and always having homemade cookies in the cookie jar. Above all, she dearly loved her family and cherished her role as "Grandma".

Bernetta leaves behind three children who will always carry her memory in their hearts: Linda Wheeler of Sperry, Oklahoma; Jimmy Bishop and his wife

Judy of Sperry, Oklahoma; and Janice Mader of Owasso, Oklahoma. She was blessed with a large and loving family, including 15 grandchildren, Sharon, Randy, Michele, Jennifer, Racheal, Anita, Ginger, Tina, Jake, Jerrold, Charlie, Jamie, Callie, Junior, and P.J., 35 great grandchildren and 44 great-great grandchildren, each of whom she loved dearly. She is survived by her sisters Betty Jean Horzich, Patty Lever, and Gayle Goode, as well as her brother Glen Vantrease and his wife Sandy.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her beloved husband, Leon, her daughter, Joyce Thurman, and her sister, Winnie Jo Miller.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 7, 2025 at Mowery Funeral Service in Owasso. The funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, September 8, 2025 at the Mowery Funeral Service Chapel in Owasso with Pastor Chad Balthrop officiating and granddaughter Michele Dempster speaking on behalf of the family. A graveside service will follow at 2:30 p.m. that afternoon at the Neodesha Cemetery in Neodesha, Kansas.

The family requests memorial contributions be made in Bernetta's memory to The Mission Center, P.O. Box 1020, Owasso, Oklahoma, 74055, or [www.themission.net](http://www.themission.net). Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 7. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Mowery Funeral Service  
9110 North Garnett Road  
Owasso, OK 74055

## Funeral Service

SEP 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

Mowery Funeral Service Chapel  
9110 North Garnett Road  
Owasso, OK 74055

## LIVE STREAM SERVICE

SEP 8. 10:30 AM.

Live Stream - Mowery FS Chapel  
<http://www.vimeo.com/moweryfs>

## Memorial Fund

SEP 8 (CT)

The Mission Center  
11341 North Garnett Road  
Owasso, OK 74055  
<https://donorbox.org/themission-center>

# Tribute Wall



“ Love, Betty Horzich purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Bernetta Mae Bishop.



Love, Betty Horzich - September 06, 2025 at 12:15 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bernetta Mae Bishop.



September 06, 2025 at 10:32 AM



“ Lea A. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Bernetta Mae Bishop.



Lea A. - September 06, 2025 at 10:30 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernetta Mae Bishop.



September 05, 2025 at 12:50 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernetta Mae Bishop.*



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September 04, 2025 at 09:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bernetta Mae Bishop.

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September 04, 2025 at 09:44 PM



“ *Beretta was so very sweet. It was a joy to visit with her.*

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**Janet Hendricks** - September 04, 2025 at 08:59 PM