



## Wilda E. "Willie" Yard

September 16, 1942 - January 1, 2020

Wilda E. "Willie" Yard was born September 16, 1942, in Franklin, Pennsylvania, to James Samuel and Emma Edith Sweetapple, Johnson. She died Wednesday, January 1, 2020, in Claremore, Oklahoma, at the age of 77 years. Willie completed her secondary education in Franklin and was graduated with the Victory Joint High School Class of 1961. She was married September 22, 1962, in Clintonville, Pennsylvania, to Lawrence Wayne "Larry" Yard. She spent much of her working life as a homemaker and caring for her family. She and Larry made their home in Skiatook, Oklahoma, where she was a faithful member of the Skiatook First United Methodist Church. They later made their home in Claremore, Oklahoma, looking over Oologah Lake. Willie enjoyed a variety of pastimes including square dancing and caring for her Scottie dogs, Kenzie and Heidi. She and Larry also enjoyed traveling in the RV to Pennsylvania in the summer and down to Florida in the winter. Most important in her life was her family whom she dearly loved. Those she leaves behind who hold many cherished memories include:

Two daughters; Angie Hamel and husband Scott, of Claremore, Oklahoma

Jennifer Goran and husband Dan, of Owasso, Oklahoma

Four grandchildren; Sarah and Emily Goran, of Owasso, Oklahoma

Cameron and Mackenzie Hamel, of Claremore, Oklahoma

Two sisters; Lucille Keith, of Beaumont, Texas

Mary Lou Sloan, of Franklin, Pennsylvania

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Larry, and a brother,

Richard Hovis.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, January 5, 2020, at Mowery Funeral Service in Owasso. Funeral service will be held 10:00 a.m. Monday, January 6, 2020, at the Mowery Funeral Service Chapel in Owasso with Pastor Leonard Pirtle officiating. Willie will be transported to Barkeyville, Pennsylvania, and will be laid to rest next to her husband at the Barkeyville Cemetery. The family asks memorial contributions be made to the Brandon Magalassi Memorial Scholarship Foundation, 13800 Est 106th Street North, Owasso, Oklahoma, 74055. Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso, Oklahoma.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 5. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Mowery Funeral Service  
9110 N. Garnett Rd.  
Owasso, OK 74055  
(918) 272-6244  
<https://www.moweryfs.com/>

## Memorial Fund

JAN 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

The Brandon Magalassi Memorial Scholarship Foundation  
13800 East 106th Street North  
Owasso, OK 74055

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ 60 files added to the album Life Tributes



Mowery Funeral Service - January 05, 2020 at 02:18 PM

TC

“ Willie, my sweet friend, our memories and talks will forever be in my heart. See you in the land of glory.



Terri Cohea - January 05, 2020 at 08:28 AM

GW

“ So sorry to hear of Willie's passing... I will always remember the fun times we had in PA. .The laughs we had with the "ole Puddle Jumper"....And of course, cheerleading.. My love and prayers go out to you all...

Ginny Allen Winger

Ginny Allen Winger - January 04, 2020 at 09:37 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wilda E. "Willie" Yard.*



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January 04, 2020 at 04:27 PM



“ *Ginny Allen Winger lit a candle in memory of Wilda E. "Willie" Yard*



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**Ginny Allen Winger** - January 04, 2020 at 01:04 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Wilda E. "Willie" Yard.*



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January 04, 2020 at 12:28 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wilda E. "Willie" Yard.*



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January 04, 2020 at 10:00 AM

MM

“ *Magalassi Foundation Board Members purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Wilda E. "Willie" Yard.*



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**Magalassi Foundation Board Members** - January 04, 2020 at 09:54 AM

MM

“ *We are so sorry for your loss, and pray that God will comfort you at this difficult time. Sincerely, Billy and Michele Magalassi and on behalf of the Magalassi Foundation Board Members*



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**Michele Magalassi** - January 04, 2020 at 09:42 AM

SH

“ *Sandy Hovis lit a candle in memory of Wilda E. "Willie" Yard*



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**Sandy Hovis** - January 03, 2020 at 10:25 PM

RW

“ After my parents had both passed this old man across the street, who liked to come over and visit on my back porch, gave me the biggest hug. Tho two years apart, both of my parents had lost their fights with cancer. As time passed he and his wife, who were about 5 years older than my own parents, helped me so much anytime I had questions or needed guidance. Many times I would go over when I would miss my parents, just to visit, or to check on them to see if they needed anything. After Larry passed, Willie would ask me to do, seemingly silly little things, but Im sure it was just stuff she was too embarrassed to ask anyone else. The older generation dont like to admit when they dont know to put their tv back on HDMI1 to make their cable work. One thing for sure they instilled in me, I will always appreciate, and I will never forget, always enjoy the little things. What seems little to one person, may seem huge to someone else. In my selfishness, I miss her so much already, but I know, she is SO much happier now.

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**Robert Wilder** - January 03, 2020 at 09:23 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wilda E. "Willie" Yard.



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January 03, 2020 at 07:13 PM