



## Dale "Earlene" Riley

October 4, 1934 - January 26, 2020

Dale 'Earlene' (Ridenhour) Riley, gained her wings on January 26, 2020 at her home in Delaware, OK, she was 85.

Earlene was born October 4th, 1934 to Richard Clyde Ridenhour and Pauline (Roberts) Ridenhour at the family home in Oologah. Earlene attended Oologah-Talala schools until the 8th grade when the family purchased and moved to the farm in the Twin Bridges Community, East of Childers. Earlene then attended and Graduated from Childers high school with the class of 1952. After graduation she furthered her studies at Bartlesville Business College. From there she went on to be employed by Phillips Petroleum Co...

Earlene met the love of her life, Richard Lee Riley Sr.; they were married January 24, 1954 at the Twin Bridges Community Building. From this union two sons were born, Richard Lee Riley Jr., and Randall Dale Riley Sr... After Randy was born, she decided to leave the workforce and then became a homemaker. When the boys entered into their school years Earlene decided it was time to return back to work. She was employed at various businesses over the years including Southwestern Bell, Montgomery Ward, Home Savings and Loan, Stumpffs, and was also a caregiver for the elderly.

Earlene was a longtime member of the Delaware First Baptist Church, as well as a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Earlene enjoyed reading,

quilting, gardening, baking, bowling, volunteering and keeping the nursery at church. What brought her most joy, however, was her family. Whether it be caring for her parents, checking on her boys, laughing with her siblings, taking the grandkids on trips, organizing family events or fishing with Richard at Lake Fork, Texas. She no doubt enjoyed life to the fullest.

Earlene was preceded by her parents, her sisters Donna Parrish and Sylvia Russell, and grandson Shane Riley.

She will be missed by her husband of 66 years, Richard, son Rick (Debbie) Riley, son Randy (Judy) Riley. Grandchildren, Heather Dawson, Billy Dale Riley, Ashly Riley and boyfriend Billy Guthrie, Jeremiah (Lesley) Riley, Brandi (Clint) McGee, Randall Riley, and Hayly Riley, and 14 Great Grandchildren. Sister Pat (Jim) Ewers, Brothers Bill (Glenda) Ridenhour, and Eddie (Deborah)Ridenhour, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws.

Funeral services will be held Friday January 31, 2020 at the Nowata First Baptist Church with Pastor Tom Tanquary officiating. Interment will be at the Ball Cemetery, Childers, OK.

In Lieu of flowers the family asks donations to be made to Delaware First Baptist, 10-33 Ambulance, or Nowata City County Library.

The family would like to thank, Penny Alspach, Donna Hurley, Maudie Crawford, and Ashly Riley for the excellent care they gave Earlene.

# Cemetery Details

## Ball Cemetery

N419 Rd  
Nowata, OK 74048

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **29**. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stumpff-Nowata Funeral Home  
620 E Cherokee Ave  
Nowata, OK 74048  
(918) 273-1550  
info@stumpff.org  
<https://www.stumpff.org/>

## Visitation

JAN **30**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stumpff-Nowata Funeral Home  
620 E Cherokee Ave  
Nowata, OK 74048  
(918) 273-1550  
info@stumpff.org  
<https://www.stumpff.org/>

## Funeral Service

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JAN 31. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church - Nowata  
433 N. Mississippi St  
Nowata, OK 74048  
(918) 273-2526

# Tribute Wall



“ Dale "Earlene" Riley

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ Dale "Earlene" Riley

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Dale "Earlene" Riley.



January 30, 2020 at 04:36 PM



“ Earlene was a very precious person, always finding the good in people. She will be missed by all who loved and cared for her. Rest in peace Earlene, see you on the other side. Shirley Griggs Deason

Shirley Griggs Deason - January 30, 2020 at 12:05 AM



“ J.D. and Shirley (Griggs) Deason purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dale "Earlene" Riley.



J.D. and Shirley (Griggs) Deason - January 29, 2020 at 11:58 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dale "Earlene" Riley.*



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January 28, 2020 at 02:32 PM



“ *I became a Riley when I was 3 years old. Not once did I not feel like one of Grandma's grandkids. I am so thankful for her love. I will miss her so much. My love and prayers are with my family as we learn to live without such an important part of our lives. ❤️*



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**Ashly** - January 28, 2020 at 01:36 PM



“ *Charles & Barbara purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dale "Earlene" Riley.*



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**Charles & Barbara** - January 27, 2020 at 06:29 PM

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“Earlene was a very special lady. When we were all hurting from the loss of Sylvia, her sister and my sister-in-law, she took the time to gather a lot of photographs of Sylvia going back to her birth and she mailed them to us. We visited on the phone from time to time and she never complained about her health problems. Just a very sweet person. Our loss is definitely Heaven’s gain and I know there is rejoicing going on now with our loved ones who were there to greet her.

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**Barbara Pitts** - January 27, 2020 at 06:23 PM