



## Geraldine Marie Wright

March 10, 1925 - November 11, 2023

Geraldine Marie Nan-Ah-We Wright died peacefully at her home in Bartlesville Saturday morning, November 11. She was 98.

She was born March 10, 1925, in Topeka, Kan., and grew up in Lane Deer, Mont., and Wyandotte, Okla. Her Kickapoo tribal name was Pyat-Wat-Mo-Quah, which means Coming Thunder Woman. She was salutatorian of the Class of 1944 at Wyandotte High School. After attending State Business College in Miami, she was employed at B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company in Miami. During 1951–52, she was Quapaw Tribal princess, and travelled nationwide representing the tribes of Ottawa County.

She and Luther A. Wright, Jr., were married on November 21, 1953, in Miami. They moved to Bartlesville in 1956, where he joined Phillips Petroleum Company and she worked at the U. S. Bureau of Mines in Bartlesville until she had her son. Twenty years later, she rejoined the work force at Microphoto Data Inc.

As a homemaker, she was active in many community organizations, including Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Indian Summer, Highland Park Elementary School PTO, Cub Scout den mother, White Shrine of Jerusalem, president of the DeMolay Mother's Club, president of the Bartlesville Indian Women's Club, Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women, and multiple activities at St. Luke's

Episcopal Church. She enjoyed sewing, and created traditional tribal dance regalia, including ribbonwork designs and fingerwoven yarn pieces. In recent years, she enjoyed acting, making on camera appearances in Reservation Dogs and Tulsa King.

Mrs. Wright is survived by her son, Mark A. Wright of Washington, D. C. She was predeceased by her husband, Luther A. Wright, in 2017; her parents, Ada Long Nan-Ah-We Wano and Paul Nan-Ah-We McKinney, and her two brothers, John V. McKinney and Paul A. McKinney, Jr.

Funeral services will be held at noon on Saturday, November 18, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, with Father Nicholas Phares officiating. A reception will follow. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorials may be given to the Washington County SPCA, 16620 State Hwy 123, Bartlesville 74003, or online at [wcspca.networkforgood.com](http://wcspca.networkforgood.com).

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

NOV **18**. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
210 E 9th St  
Bartlesville, OK 74003  
(918) 336-1212  
<http://episcopalbartlesville.org>

# Tribute Wall

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“ Elizabeth Stamper lit a candle in memory of Geraldine Marie Wright



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**Elizabeth Stamper** - November 16, 2023 at 07:15 PM

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“ Love, Bob and Pam Spinks purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Geraldine Marie Wright.



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**Love, Bob and Pam Spinks** - November 15, 2023 at 09:13 PM