



Melvanna Lee Baddley

March 22, 1944 - January 4, 2019

Melvanna Lee Handley Baddley, 74, beloved wife of James Richard (Jim) Baddley, passed into the arms of her Lord and Savior on January 4, 2019, following a courageous battle with cancer. She was devoted to her family, strong in her faith and had a big heart for others.

Vanna was born on March 22, 1944, to Melvin Hobbs Handley and Anna Marie Alexander Handley in Port Angeles, Washington. Growing up, she lived in many places throughout the United States as her father served as a Lt. Commander with the United States Coast Guard.

While her family was stationed in Biloxi, MS, she met the love of her life and married Jim in 1963. They settled in Clinton, MS, where they raised their three children and made it home until moving to Bartlesville, OK in 2011.

Vanna attended the University of Mississippi and later earned a nursing degree from Hinds Community College in Raymond, MS. She was a credit to her profession, a great match for her caring nature, and served in positions with local physicians, nursing homes and at the Mississippi College infirmary.

In addition to her love for her family, of whom she was most proud, Vanna adored dogs and shared her life with many four-legged loved ones over the years. She was passionate about Christmas, her favorite time of the year, and spread Christmas cheer in many, many ways.

Ininitely inventive and creative, she enjoyed sewing, ceramics, doll making and crafts and had a passion for reading. Vanna also had a love of the outdoors and camping. She shared this joy with her children and others through organizing many family camping trips and serving as a Girl Scout leader for many years, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Vanna enjoyed the opportunity to serve others and her considerate heart endeared her to those she met. After being treated for breast cancer, she began a ministry to other cancer patients. Many times throughout the year, she would assemble and distribute bags of blessings to those treated at the local cancer center. While passing out the special gift bags, Vanna would also share words of hope and encouragement and many, many hugs with all those receiving care, exemplifying the love of her Savior, Jesus Christ. She was deeply loved by many and will be remembered for her quick wit and smile, strength of character and kind and compassionate spirit.

Vanna is survived by Jim, her loving husband of 55 years; three children, Melanie Baddley Evans and husband, Eddie of Bartlesville, OK; Scot Lee Baddley and wife, Janice of Simpsonville, SC; Virginia Baddley Byrd, and husband, Jon of Meridian, MS; and six grandchildren, Chris Evans of Houston, TX; Jonathan Baddley and wife Amy of Cambridge, MA; Olivia Baddley of Bluffton, SC; Alex Evans of Bartlesville, OK; Hannah Byrd of Jackson, MS and Jon Handley Byrd of Meridian, MS.

Memorial donations may be made to East Cross United Methodist Church, 820 S Madison Blvd., Bartlesville, OK 74006 or Hopestone Cancer Support Center, 206 SE Frank Phillips Blvd., Bartlesville, OK 74003 who will carry on Vanna's ministry to local cancer patients. With donations made to Hopestone in Vanna's name Vanna Baddley's Bags of Blessings will continue to bring hope and love to those facing one of life's greatest challenges.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

4200 Nowata Rd
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

East Cross United Methodist Church
820 Madison Blvd
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-0810

Funeral Service

JAN 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Melvanna Lee Baddley*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Melvanna Lee Baddley*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Jim, just learning of your great loss. My deepest sympathies. I enjoyed reading some of other accomplishments in her lifetime and her ministry to others. Her legacy will live on. I pray God's peace and comfort to you and your family.*

Karen Crowe - January 12, 2019 at 08:54 PM



“ *Jim, sorry to hear of your loss. Hope you and your family are doing well otherwise. Annette ani are doing well. We are still in Oxford. I am retired, but Annette still working. She has her own business. She does commercial and residential appraisal business. Our prayers are with you and your family during this time of suffering. God is the only strength you need during this time. Continue the faith, love, Jerry and Annette Lee*

Jerry Lee - January 10, 2019 at 10:38 AM



Jim, lifting you and family in prayer. Our GOD has called another Angel Home. Suppose Vanna and Pearl are talking about good times at MHA functions. 🙏

harold whitaker - January 10, 2019 at 12:33 PM

KH

Jim, we were so saddened to hear that Van had passed away. We know you and your family love her dearly, and she will be missed by so many . Love in Christ, Kay and David Harrington

Kay Harrington - January 11, 2019 at 09:57 AM

JB

Jim, Paul and I were so saddened to hear of Vanna's passing. We remember so many blessing we received from both of you during the time at FUMC and also the Rasberry Sunday School. Such a thoughtful and caring lady was she !!!

Our Sunday School sends their love to you and all the family. Praying for you and the family.

Love in Christ - Jo and Paul Box

jo ellen box - January 14, 2019 at 02:43 PM

SB

Jim, I am sorry to hear of Van's passing. I regret that we have been out of touch these last few years, but I have many memories of life on the circle, especially. Love to you and your children.

Sue Brooks

Sue Brooks - January 22, 2019 at 10:24 AM



“ *Prayers and thoughts are with you, Virginia and John. Love you.*

Diane Reynolds

Diane Reynolds - January 10, 2019 at 10:14 AM



“ 14 files added to the album Flowers



Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - January 09, 2019 at 01:33 PM



“ Patti Sudduth purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Melvanna Lee Baddley.



Patti Sudduth - January 09, 2019 at 11:31 AM



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Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - January 09, 2019 at 11:23 AM



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Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - January 09, 2019 at 09:01 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Vanna Baddley's Bags of Blessings*



Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - January 08, 2019 at 03:41 PM



“ 3 files added to the album *Flowers*



Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - January 08, 2019 at 10:58 AM



“ So sorry to here about the passing of this precious lady! You all will be in our prayers!
Maurice & Sandra Walker

Sandra Walker - January 07, 2019 at 11:35 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melvanna Lee Baddley.*



January 07, 2019 at 08:37 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Vanna's passing. Enjoyed many times with her and Anna!*

Linda Coale - January 07, 2019 at 07:38 PM



“ *Larry and Tillie Stone purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Melvanna Lee Baddley.*



Larry and Tillie Stone - January 07, 2019 at 06:54 PM



“ *Greg, Cara, Steve, Jon and Brenda Stone purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Melvanna Lee Baddley.*



Greg, Cara, Steve, Jon and Brenda Stone - January 07, 2019 at 06:35 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Melvanna Lee Baddley.



January 07, 2019 at 06:01 PM



“ With Love, Your YMCA of Greenville Family purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Melvanna Lee Baddley.



With Love, Your YMCA of Greenville Family - January 07, 2019 at 03:14 PM



“ SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS SHE WAS A GREAT LADY !

BROWNS SHOE FIT BARTLESVILLE - January 07, 2019 at 02:43 PM



“ MARLEEN GOUGH, MIKE AND KAREN SULLIVAN, NORMAN AND PATTI GOL purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Melvanna Lee Baddley.



MARLEEN GOUGH, MIKE AND KAREN SULLIVAN, NORMAN AND PATTI GOL - January 06, 2019 at 05:08 PM