



Rachel "Annette" Saffell

September 16, 1936 - May 25, 2024

Annette Saffell – Oklahoma City, formerly of Bartlesville, OK, passed from this life on May 25, 2024.

(Rachel) Annette Saffell was born at home in the hills in Delight, Arkansas on September 16, 1936. Her parents were Paul E. and Helen (Hughes) Miller. She remembered not having running water or electricity and having a horse and wagon for transportation. She went to a one-room schoolhouse in the first grade and a one-room church house.

During the war, her family moved to McAlester, Oklahoma, where her dad worked at the Naval Ammunition Depot. She attended school in McAlester and graduated from high school in 1954. That fall she came to Bartlesville to attend Central Christian College (now Oklahoma Christian University in Oklahoma City).

Annette married Tom D. Saffell on May 15, 1955 at the Church of Christ in McAlester, Oklahoma. She was employed by Phillips Petroleum Company from 1955 to 1958, when she became a stay-at-home mom. She worked with the Highland Park PTA serving as secretary several years, was a Girl Scout leader, and worked with Cub Scouts.

When Annette's children were in junior high, she went to work for the Board of Education at Central Middle School as the attendance secretary and kept that

job for 24 years. She served on the Foster Care Review Board (PARB) for Washington and Nowata Counties for 20 years, serving as secretary for that Board.

She was a member of the Washington County Home Extension Group and also the Listen and Learn Homemakers Club. She was a member of the 55+ Activity Club, being very active with the exercise group there, and an early morning Mall Walker. Annette was a member of the Washington County Retired Educator's Association. She was a member of ElderCare, also.

Annette and Tom had 20 acres just outside of town where they built a "Cabin in the Woods", where they spent so much time enjoying nature and fishing and hunting, especially when their grandchildren came. The couple traveled extensively, enjoyed gardening and reading.

Annette was a member of the Adams Boulevard Church of Christ where she was active in many of the programs. She taught the Kindergarten Bible Class for 20 years and then team-taught with her husband in the two-year-olds for a number of years. In her later years, she attended the Dewey Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by Tom, her husband of 56 years on January 1, 2012; her parents and a brother, Larry Miller in 2005.

Survivors include: a daughter, Cheryl Sanders and her husband, Terrell of Slaughterville, Oklahoma; a son, Brent and his wife, Barbara, of Edmond, Oklahoma; her four grandchildren: Kayla Goodrich and husband, Scott, Emily Saffell, Jill Shiflet and husband Jesse, and Brett Sanders; four great grandchildren – Jace, June, Owen and Everett; and a brother Weldon Miller and niece, Melissa, of Naples, Florida.

Those who wish to contribute to her memory may do so by contributing to World Bible School, Church of Christ, 3700 SE Adams Boulevard, Bartlesville,

OK 74006, or Hope Harbor Children's Home, P.O. Box 1047, Claremore, OK 74018-9915.

The family would like to express our appreciation to the nurses and staff of Epworth Villa Memory Care unit (in Oklahoma City) and to their related Hospice Care unit. Their care and compassion for Annette and for our family will never be forgotten. Thank you so much.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 to 5:00 pm on Sunday June 2, 2024, at the Stumpff Funeral Home in Bartlesville. Graveside Services will be held at 10:00 am on Monday, June 3, 2024, at the Memorial Park Cemetery in Bartlesville.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

4200 Nowata Road
Bartlesville , OK 74006

Previous Events

Visitation

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

Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory
1600 SE Washington Blvd.
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-4300
info@stumpff.org
<https://www.stumpff.org>

Graveside Service

JUN 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Memorial Park Cemetery
4200 Nowata Road
Bartlesville , OK 74006

Tribute Wall

NB

“ Brent, Cheryl, and family-
Your mother was one of my earliest friends when my husband & I along with our baby son moved to Bartlesville in 1979. I met your mother at the Woodland Church of Christ, which later became Adams Boulevard. Annette was always offering encouraging words to boost my joy and confidence in parenting- much appreciated and needed.
She talked about both of you so fondly. It was apparent that raising you and watching you develop into strong Christian adults brought her and your dad the deepest joy.
We all loved their special Halloween parties- everyone was welcomed with lots of seasonal decorations & treats- yum!
Favorite memory of your dad- he called my husband to invite him personally to the church New Year's Eve party held at Ranch Heights- because of that personal invitation- our whole family attended- and we had a blast- all the way til midnight! (I bet your mom encouraged him to call.)
Both your parents were special people- encouraging parents and loving all the children who were blessed to cross their path.
I miss your mother's warm and welcoming smile.
God's blessings and peace to your family.
Rex & Nancy Bobsein along with our children-
Ryan, Shaye, Klayt, & Marley

Nancy Bobsein - June 02, 2024 at 09:04 PM

BA

“ BOK Financial Credit Administration planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rachel "Annette" Saffell.

BOK Financial Credit Administration - May 31, 2024 at 11:20 AM

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“ BOK Financial Credit Administration purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rachel "Annette" Saffell.



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CD

“ Christy Daboval planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rachel "Annette" Saffell.

Christy Daboval - May 31, 2024 at 10:26 AM

CD

“ Christy Daboval purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Rachel "Annette" Saffell.



Christy Daboval - May 31, 2024 at 10:26 AM

MB

“ Sweet, beautiful Annette was one of the kindest, loving people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. I grew up in the Church with her daughter and son. When she worked at Central Jr High, I got the privilege of working in the attendance office with her when I was a student. She was a mentor, a devoted Christian and such a loving mother. She always made me feel like one of her own children. She watched my two children grow up and always sent them a card and money on their birthdays. I loved the Halloween events she and Tom had. They opened their home and hearts to everyone! I am sure she is filling him in on all he had missed. I loved Annette dearly and will miss her deeply! Prayers for Cheryl, Brent and all the family!

Marcy Bean - May 30, 2024 at 04:38 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Rachel "Annette" Saffell.



May 30, 2024 at 12:31 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Rachel "Annette" Saffell.



May 30, 2024 at 11:45 AM

KD

“ *Kimberly Henshall Dyer lit a candle in memory of Rachel "Annette" Saffell*



Kimberly Henshall Dyer - May 29, 2024 at 06:59 PM

MB

“ *Mike And Linda Banks lit a candle in memory of Rachel "Annette" Saffell*



Mike and Linda Banks - May 29, 2024 at 01:52 PM

MB

Annette, you let your light shine so bright! I know it continues to shine!!!

Mike and Linda Banks - May 29, 2024 at 01:53 PM

JH

“ *I knew Annette when we both attended Adam's Blvd Church of Christ. She was a sweet lady and I always enjoyed visits with her.*

Judy Hodges - May 28, 2024 at 08:14 PM

LH

Annette and I attended Central Christian College in Bartlesville. She lived just down the hall from me and we enjoyed many good times. Annette was always fun to be with.

Loretta Hamm - May 29, 2024 at 07:49 PM