



## Retha L. Wise

May 24, 1934 - October 9, 2021

Retha Wise, age 87, of Skiatook, passed away Saturday, October 9, 2021, at her Skiatook residence surrounded by family and friends.

Retha was born May 24, 1934, in Stigler, Oklahoma to Verder and Ethel (Clyma) Lowe. Retha grew up and received her education in Stigler where she graduated in 1952 and met the love of her life, Kenneth Wise. They were married on November 12, 1954, and celebrated for more than 66 years. Retha and Kenneth made their home in Denison, Texas, then Tulsa, before moving to Skiatook in 1964. She worked for the U.S. Corps of Engineers where she retired in 1989 after 30 years of service. She was a devoted member of Immanuel Baptist Church where she attended over 55 years and always had a smile and hugs for her church family. Retha liked gardening, cooking, sewing, singing, going to the gym to walk and the annual "girls" trip to Branson with her daughter.

Retha is survived by her husband, Kenneth; daughter Vicki Sherwin, son-in-law Rod; as well as many loving nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends who hold Retha close in their hearts.

Retha was preceded in death by her parents, Verder and Ethel Lowe; three sisters, Beatrice Lowe, Pauline Johnson, Elsie Goff; five brothers, Gene, Johnny, Bud, Boyd and Herman Lowe.

The family of Retha Wise would like to thank Saint Francis Hospice (Stephanie, Amanda, Rhonda and Bart) and Entrusted Hearts (Teresa, Stephanie, Susie and Tonya) during her final days. Words cannot adequately

express the wonderful care and professionalism you all showed our family.

Thank you.

Graveside services are scheduled for 1:00 p.m., Thursday, October 14, 2021,  
at Antioch Cemetery in Stigler, OK.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Retha L. Wise*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Retha L. Wise*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Dad ( Clarence Short) and I are so very sorry for the loss of your mother!! We completely understand.*



**Debbie "Short" Paslay** - November 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ *I worked with Retha for five years in the accounting department at the Corps of Engineers, up to her retirement. I will always remember her pouring her cereal into a bowl and then pouring in milk, every morning at her desk. She was so gracious and genuine, and a pleasure to work with and be friends with, while we worked together. Peace to her family. I know she has to be in the arms of Jesus now, and filled with joy. Take care.*

**Laura Burns-Redemann** - October 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM

EE

“ Deep sadness for your loss of Retha, such a wonderful lady. She spoiled us college girls with her tasty treats starting 47 years ago, and loved us all. May you be comforted knowing that she is with our Lord and the angels.

Emily Ray Elliott - October 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Retha was amazing,I was blessed getting to work for her & Kenny for many years. She always took care of us in the hay field. Retha I will miss you and always love you.

Brad Hayman - October 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ My prayers are with you all during this difficult time. I had the opportunity to work with Ms. Retha very briefly when I was a student aide at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. She was always a joy to be around. May God bless you during this time and give the comfort and strength that only he can.



TRACY WHITE-DAVIDSON - October 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Rethas passing. She was such a sweet person and always had a smile on her face. Prayers for the family.



Karen Sullivan - October 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *Retha was such a wonderful person and friend. Prayers for the family.* ”

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**Donna Paslay** - October 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *Condolences and prayers to Kenneth and Vicki. We will miss this very sweet person from our lives.* ”

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**Pat Whiteman** - October 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM