



## Betty Jean Crafton

August 28, 1944 - October 13, 2024

Betty Jean Crafton, 80, a longtime Fairland Educator passed away at Hillcrest South Hospital in Tulsa on Sunday, October 13, 2024. Betty was born in Fairland on August 28, 1944, to William Collis “Brownie” and Jessie Elizabeth (Goodman) Crafton. Betty graduated from Fairland High School, then went to Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College for her Associate’s, attained her Bachelor’s Degree and Master’s Degree from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah. While at Tahlequah she attended Chi Alpha which often traveled and sang at many churches. She would still get together at times with members of that group. She started her teaching career at Vinita, then Afton before landing at Fairland for twenty-six years. She mostly taught grade school and then reading. She loved kids and was even a cheer sponsor when she was needed. She was a member of the First Assembly of God in Fairland all her life. She loved her church family. Betty would make cookies for the youth often when she was able. Betty’s parents Brownie and Jessie Crafton preceded her in passing along with her siblings Ronnie Crafton, Jerry Lynn Crafton and Don Crafton, along with a niece Sheila Lockhart.

Those who will carry on with Betty’s legacy are her brothers and sisters Bud Crafton Jr. and his wife Diane of Mississippi, Cathy Lockhart and her husband Larry of Tulsa, Jim Crafton and his wife Dorothy of Fairland and Pat Hays and her husband Sonny of Pierce City, Missouri. Also surviving are her nieces and nephews Buddy Crafton III, Tonya Reynolds, Tim Crafton, Tiffany Butts,

Patrick Martin Hays and many great nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be 10:00 AM on Friday, October 18, 2024, at First Assembly of God in Fairland until the service time.

Services will begin at 11:00 AM on Friday also at First Assembly of God in Fairland with Reverend Jackie Crafton and Reverend Tom Estes officiating. Interment will follow at the Fairland Cemetery under the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairland.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Betty's Tribute Page at [www.brown-winters.com](http://www.brown-winters.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fairland Cemetery

Fairland, OK 74343

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Assembly of God - Fairland  
350 South Main Street  
Fairland, OK 74343

## Celebration of Life

OCT 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty Jean Crafton*



**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - October 17, 2024 at 10:11 PM



“ *Sure love this sweet lady she was my reading teacher in school and then found out we were related , my favorite memories with her is her picking me up from my parents house and taking me along with her to basketball games on the way we always stopped at McDonald's  
I will miss you ❤️*

**Tammy Heffren** - October 18, 2024 at 01:18 PM



“ *3 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - October 17, 2024 at 05:49 PM



“ 65 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - October 17, 2024 at 02:20 PM

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“ *I met Betty at NEO. We had classes together. When we transferred to Tahlequah, we were roommates. She was always sweet and nice to everyone. She loved her family and talked about all of you. I know she is singing with the Angels now.*

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**Sharon Olds** - October 16, 2024 at 11:56 AM

JD

“ *She was a beautiful soul*

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**Jeremy Dewayne Davis** - October 15, 2024 at 07:16 PM

JW

“ Betty was a very special friend, not only did I work with her at Fairland Public School, but we graduated from high school at Fairland in 1963. My special memory of Betty was, when we were in high school we were walking home together and it had turned real cold. I was shivering and Betty took off her sweater and let me wear it until we got to my house. We only lived a couple blocks from each other. I'm telling you, that takes a good friend to do something like that! Loved you Betty!❤️

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**Janice Wilmoth** - October 15, 2024 at 01:31 PM