



Diana Fern (Lawrence) Overton

December 13, 1946 - May 16, 2026

Dianna Fern (Lawrence) Overton, 79, a resident of Bernice, Oklahoma, passed away on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at Freeman Health System, in Joplin Missouri. Dianna was born on December 13, 1946, in Independence, Kansas, to Clyde and Fern (Hankins) Lawrence. Dianna graduated from Elk City High School with the class of 1964. After high school she attended Bartlesville Business School and graduated in 1965. She married the love of her life Jerry Overton on September 5, 1965. Together they ran The Body Builders Incorporated for many years. They purchased their lake house in 1998. They would spend all their free time there until they fully retired in 2010. After their retirement they moved to the lake permanently. Jerry and Dianna joined the Bar None Cowboy Church and remained active members in Afton, OK. Dianna is preceded in passing by her parents, Clyde and Fern Lawrence and her sister Bethel Simmons.

Dianna especially enjoyed the hobbies and activities that brought her joy and connection with others. Each winter, she looked forward to spending time in Arizona, where she loved riding ATVs with all the great friends they made and making lasting memories. She was also a proud member of Daughters of the Nile and the Order of the Eastern Star and valued the friendships and fellowship she found through those organizations. Dianna was diagnosed with an end stage renal disease in 2004 from a family inherited kidney disease. In 2006, Dianna received a kidney transplant, a gift that she carried with gratitude and strength in the years that followed.

Above all, Dianna cherished her role as Mimi to her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She brought love, warmth, and joy to their lives, and she treasured every moment spent with them. Whether through her encouragement, her laughter, or simply her steady presence, she made each of her grandchildren feel deeply loved and special. The memories they shared with their Mimi will remain a lasting gift in their hearts.

Those left to share the beautiful memory of Dianna Overton include her husband of sixty years, Jerry Overton, sons, Mark Overton and his wife Tammy, Brad Overton and his wife Tracy, grandchildren, Danielle Overton, Dakotah Stewart, Katlin Overton, Allie Stewart, Markenzie Overton, Mason Overton, Regan Overton, and twelve great grandchildren.

Visitation for Dianna Overton will be 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., Thursday, May 21, 2026, at Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Afton.

Funeral services will be 10:00 A.M., Friday, May 22, 2026, at Bar-None Cowboy Church in Afton, with Reverend Dean Bridges Officiating. Interment will be at 2:00 P.M. at Oak Hill Cemetery in Elk City, Kansas.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Mrs. Overton's Tribute Page at www.brown-winters.com.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

5250 Road
Elk City, KS 67344

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 21. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service (Afton)
122 South Main
Afton, OK 74331
(918) 257-8877
info@brown-winters.com
<https://www.brown-winters.com>

Celebration of Life

MAY 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

Bar None Cowboy Church
807 South First
Afton, OK 74331

Tribute Wall

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“ Todd and Lisa Cook purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Diana Fern (Lawrence) Overton.



Todd and Lisa Cook - May 21 at 01:08 PM

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“ The Buckner Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Diana Fern (Lawrence) Overton.



The Buckner Family - May 21 at 12:13 PM

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“ The Buckner Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diana Fern (Lawrence) Overton.

The Buckner Family - May 21 at 12:13 PM

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“ Ive known this lady since my sister started dating their son Brad at age 15 and eventually married. She was so kind and was known for her amazing cooking! She loved her family deeply. I always enjoyed seeing her through the years. Praying for peace and comfort for those left behind missing her.

Shawn Stepp - May 21 at 09:27 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Diana Fern (Lawrence) Overton.*



May 20 at 06:06 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Diana Fern (Lawrence) Overton.

May 20 at 06:06 PM



“ *Became very good friends with Jerry & Dianna at Bar None Cowboy Church. Will miss that sweet face until we meet again.*

Sandy - May 20 at 02:59 PM



“ *Dave & Sandi Grace purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Diana Fern (Lawrence) Overton.*



Dave & Sandi Grace - May 20 at 08:00 AM



“ *Taylor and Kristina Loftis purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Diana Fern (Lawrence) Overton.*



Taylor and Kristina Loftis - May 19 at 12:19 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Diana Fern (Lawrence) Overton.*



May 18 at 07:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Diana Fern (Lawrence) Overton.

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