



Gladys Marie Saenz

August 23, 1927 - February 25, 2026

Gladys Marie Saenz, 98, a longtime resident of Miami, Oklahoma, passed away on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at Integris Grove Hospital. Gladys was born in Beeville, Texas, on August 23, 1927, to Kirby and Ila (Davis) Staton. The family moved to Miami when she was six, and she has lived in the area since. She graduated from Miami High School and later attended Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, where she obtained a degree in bookkeeping. Ms. Gladys spent much of her life working within the home, raising her five children. Gladys loved arts and crafts. She was a proud member of the Tri-State Arts and Crafts organization, where she served as chairman for many years. She was an expert seamstress and made many clothes for her daughter and others. She even made her daughter's prom dresses. Gladys loved flowers, especially irises. She had many different colors and varieties of irises growing in her flower beds that were admired by all. She also loved swimming. She took the family to the Miami City pool to swim and was the oldest student at the NEO aquatic center, swimming into her nineties. She loved and enjoyed spending time with her family and was always concerned about their welfare and happiness. She is preceded in passing by her parents, Kirby and Ila Staton, her husband of 42 years, Mario Saenz, son, Danny Saenz, son-in-law, Jack Jackson, and siblings Pauline Wilson and Kenneth Staton.

Those left to share the beautiful memories of Ms. Gladys include her daughter, Laura Jackson, son, Michael Saenz; his wife, Lisa, son, Tony Saenz; and her son, Peter Saenz. Grandchildren include Janee Odle, Joshua Jackson, Deana Tucker, Matthew Saenz, Zachary Saenz, Sarah Saenz, and great-grandchildren, Sidney, Gatlin, Maddoc, Liam, and Kaden.

There will be a graveside service for Gladys at 2:00 PM on Friday, February 27, 2026, at the Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery in Miami, Oklahoma, with Reverend Gary Bishop officiating. Services have been placed in the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service.

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

Cemetery Details

Grand Army of the Republic

2801 North Main Street
Miami, OK 74354

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB **25**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

GS

“ *rest in love aunt gladys! i remember when you and grandma staton came to hilo for a visit. me ke aloha pumehana*



geoff staton - February 28 at 09:11 AM

LJ



Laura Jackson - March 03 at 11:57 PM

JT

“ *My husband and I moved to Miami, Oklahoma from Sallisaw, Oklahoma in 1982...we had no family or friends living in Miami. It was his first assignment with the Highway Patrol. I was an RN at Freeman's...we had our daughter in 1986. Since we did not know anyone and I had to go back to work six weeks later, my husband ask around and an attorney at the courthouse Recommended Gladys Saenz to babysit.... She was so much more than a babysitter. She was like family... we of course worked odd shifts and holidays and weekends she treated our daughter just like one of her own grandchildren. She came to our house and watched our daughter and we had a pool so they spent a lot of time in the pool, which was just wonderful.😊😊... any holidays where we were both working, she would take our daughter to her house and our daughter got to join in and they treated her just like she was family. I think Michael and her are close in age. Our daughter will turn 40 this year.. and Gladys stayed with us until we no longer needed a sitter because I got a office position and our daughter was in school then.. but we were so grateful and could not have been luckier because Gladys didn't just babysit... she played and played with our daughter and she enjoyed it..😊😊😊.. and she was like a grandma to our daughter because our parents did not come up very often... I just found out tonight which I'm too late to go to her service because it's friday evening, but I was so glad one of my Miami friends reached out to me and told me. I move away from Miami in 2015 and I don't ever hear anything but, she was a wonderful lady and occasionally after our daughter was grown, I would run into Gladys in WALMART and she was in one of those little motorized chairs..... She was always so sweet and I could not have asked for a better person to have been in our daughter's life.❤️❤️❤️*

janet tubbs - February 27 at 09:14 PM

LJ

Thank you Ms Tubbs. Momma loved your family. Laura

Laura Jackson - March 03 at 11:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gladys Marie Saenz.

February 26 at 07:15 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gladys Marie Saenz.



February 26 at 07:15 PM

MS

“ Rest in peace Aunt Gladys. It had been quite a while since last I saw her, but my memories of her will always be sweet and loving. She was a kind soul.

Meridith Staton - February 26 at 06:52 PM

LJ



Laura Jackson - March 03 at 11:57 PM

PK

“ Laura, I'm so sorry you lost your sweet Momma. I will be praying that Jesus will give you peace and comfort to get through this very difficult time. Love you, sweet Laura.

Patty Keeton - February 26 at 12:37 PM

LJ

Thank you Patti! Love Laura

Laura Jackson - March 03 at 11:59 PM

CW

“ So sorry to hear you've lost your sweet momma. I will think of her when my flowers come up in the spring, that she gave me starts of from her yard. Prayers for your family

Cathy Williams - February 26 at 09:51 AM

DG

Gladys was always a good friend to me, I worked with Mario at home furniture Annex for a number of years and we played a lot of tinnes and i was friends with their family. Love them both very much. Gladys will be missed by a lot of people.❤️🌹 Danny Garner

Danny Garner - February 26 at 11:45 AM

LJ

Thank you!

Laura Jackson - March 04 at 12:01 AM