



Rose Wilkins

September 24, 1929 - January 30, 2014

Cherokee Rose (Roberson) Wilkins, 84, passed away on Thursday, January 30, 2014 at Freeman Health System in Joplin, Missouri. Services will be 10:00 AM on Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at First Baptist Church in Miami with Reverend Rick Longcrier officiating. Interment will follow at the Bluejacket Cemetery under the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami. There will be a visitation from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami.

Rose was born at Porum, Oklahoma September 24, 1929 to William Clyde and Cherokee Starr Roberson; she married Clifton L. Wilkins in Muskogee, Oklahoma on August 27, 1954 and was married 59 years. Rose graduated from the Chilocco Indian School in 1947, then Northeastern State University in Tahlequah with a BA in Education and attained her Master's in Education from Pittsburg State University. Rose taught school for 37 years. After her practice teaching she was hired in Tahlequah public schools. From there, she continued to teach at Miami High School, Chilocco Indian School, Oaks, Jay and Miami Jr. High. While at Miami High School, she also taught Physical Education and started the Miamiettes drill team. She spent the last 19 years of her career teaching Physical Education and English at NEO A&M College, where she also sponsored intramural sports and restarted the women's basketball program. She was a member of the Oklahoma Retired Educators,

Ottawa County Retired Educators. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Miami and taught a Sunday School Class and was active in Women's Missionary Union. Rose was a proud descendant of Nancy Ward "Great Lady of the Cherokees."

Mrs. Wilkins is survived by her husband of 59 years, Clifton of Miami, son William Clifton Wilkins and his children Dr. Brek Wilkins and his wife Karen, of Tulsa, Quinn Wilkins and Faith Eileen Wilkins of Fayetteville Ar., son James L Wilkins, his wife Paula, and their sons Cameron Wilkins, his wife Krista, and Corbin Wilkins of Bluejacket. Also surviving are sisters Mary Pate and Margaret Hazlewood of Muskogee Oklahoma. Ex daughter-in law Lisa Wilkins Fayetteville Ar.

The family has asked that memorial contributions be made to the Baptist Children's Home in care of the Funeral Home.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service
5 B Street NW
Miami, OK 74354
(918) 542-3311
info@brown-winters.com
<https://www.brown-winters.com>

Service

FEB 5. 10:00 AM (CT)


First Baptist Church - Miami
24 A St. SW
Miami, OK 74354
<http://www.fbcmiamiok.org>

Tribute Wall

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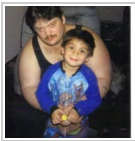
“ So very sad to learn of Rose's recent passing. When last in Miami in Dec. I had the good fortune of running into her at Walmart. She was visiting with other friends & I couldn't resist the opportunity to tell her how wonderful it was to see her again. She was my Spanish & P. E. teacher in the 60's but she hadn't lost any of her charm or smile! Rest in Peace Rose for a life well lived. Bob & Debbie Paul.

Bob & Debbie Paul - February 17, 2014 at 03:39 AM

 Linda Speer

“ Bill, I am so sorry to hear about your Mom's passing...I loved her so much! She was such a great woman and educator! She mentored me so well at NEO and I am so proud of being able to play softball for her on the extra curricular team at NEO before it was finally a team sport there...Hate that I just now found out about her transition or I would have been there to celebrate her life with you and the family. Please take care and know that I will always cherish the memories that I have of Rose!

Linda Speer - February 16, 2014 at 05:59 PM



“ I just Loved this woman! I was so lucky to have her in Jr. High and at Neo! She was one of the best there will ever be! Everyone Loved her! She will be missed. She is a Legend!

Helen Simpson Pidcock - February 16, 2014 at 05:45 PM

AL

“ Paula, so sorry to hear about your mother-in-law. She was a big influence on Deb and me as students and then as a colleague at NEO. She was a blessing to all who knew her and I know she will be missed by you and your family. But, take comfort and know she is now in the arms of our LORD and Savior.

Alan and Debbie Lauchner

Alan Lauchner - February 13, 2014 at 08:01 PM

KW

“ Rose was always such a positive person to be around. While our meetings were brief, she always knew how to encourage you, whether at the cafe or on the basketball court. She was a great influence to many.

Kelly Garrette Walker - February 07, 2014 at 09:05 AM

BT

“ Mrs. Wilkins was my Spanish & P.E. teacher at Will Rogers Junior High in the early 60's; she was a quiet, gentle person & a great teacher. I remember her fondly & I trust that her faith is shared by her family. She will learn one day in heaven how many people she really influenced by her life; it will be good to see her again then! Until then, she will be missed by those who knew her. Beth (Morelan) Toops

Beth Toops - February 06, 2014 at 07:00 AM

MR

“ We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Rose. Despite not keeping in touch with Bill, Brek, Faith, & Quinn, you are all in our thoughts and prayers always & forever.

Roberta Rice, Welch

Juanita Hilliard, Welch

Maurene Russell & family, Salina, Ok

Maurene Russell - February 05, 2014 at 02:19 PM

CM

“ *Connie Mendell lit a candle in memory of Rose Wilkins*



Connie Mendell - February 04, 2014 at 09:45 PM

CM

“ *Our prayers are with Jim & Paula, Bill and grandchildren. She will be missed by so many,
Loved the pictures and newspaper articles she would always save of Phillip and Baylee,
she was a wonderful lady and took such good care of her family.*

Paul, Connie, Baylee & Phillip Mendell

Connie Mendell - February 04, 2014 at 09:44 PM

PJ

“ Sorry to hear the news about Rose. We have only known her and Cliff for about two years. She was a very great lady and we really enjoyed knowing them both. She would send us a note every month. She will be greatly missed. Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family.

Paul and Deena Jackson

Paul and Deena Jackson - February 04, 2014 at 04:37 PM

JE

“ Jeffery sent a virtual gift in memory of Rose Wilkins



Jeffery - February 04, 2014 at 04:30 PM

PJ

“ Paul & Deena Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Rose Wilkins



Paul & Deena Jackson - February 04, 2014 at 03:38 PM

YK

“ Rose was one of the finest ladies I have ever known. I am at a loss to express what her friendship meant to me and my late husband, Kent. He never would have made it through college algebra without her help. She was a wonderful neighbor, mentor and friend. I remember when she came to Miami High School and how we all looked up to her. She always came to the Class of 1955's reunions and we loved her. We have all suffered a great loss. She will be missed. My heartfelt sympathy to her family.



Yvonne Ketcher

Yvonne Ketcher - February 03, 2014 at 09:04 PM

BF

“ Mrs. Wilkins was a great instructor at NEO A&M Miami, OK - she always had a smile and made learning fun and easy in her First Aid/Anatomy class.

My thoughts and prayers are with the Wilkins' family.

May the Peace of The Lord be with you.

Bill Fogleman (formerly of Commerce, OK)

bill fogleman - February 02, 2014 at 10:35 AM

DD

“*Maxine said it so well—"What an exceptional woman—full of lovingkindness. ...—faithful. " Her service to NEO was exceptional because of her integrity and her graciousness. My life was blessed by knowing Rose and working with her. Not only did Rose bless the NEO community—She blessed the 4-H community as well. Her name suited her well—she truly was a beautiful rose, blooming and blessing all she contacted.*
Blessings and comfort to her entire family from God the Father!

David Dallas

David Dallas - February 01, 2014 at 11:30 AM

MC

“*What an exceptional woman--one whose life made such a tremendous difference for so many. My best friend, Ruth Price, was a friend of Rose from early college days, so I learned to know and appreciate her even more, knowing how much Ruth valued her friendship. Always gracious, full of loving kindness--faithful to students, friends, and family--she was a gift to us, for which I am truly thankful.*

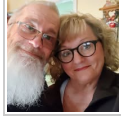
Maxine Edwards Cornwell - January 31, 2014 at 08:21 PM

BA

“*Just wanted to let the family know that my thoughts and prayers are with them during this time of sorrow. Rose was a great lady that was admired by all. I know she will sorely missed by all.*

Bill V. Able

Bill V. Able - January 31, 2014 at 07:14 PM



I got to know Rose and Clifton from my job. Rose was so gracious and kind. She dedicated her life to helping inspire others to succeed. She will be greatly missed by all those that knew her.

Mary Parker

Mary Parker - February 02, 2014 at 07:22 PM