

# THE DRUMRIGHT MUSEUM GUSHER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE OIL PATCH



**April 6**

**9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**Drumright Museum Lawn**

**“On Golden Pond”**

**April 19-21 & 26-28**

**Blonde Ambition**

**Estate Solutions**

**April 18-20**

# April

## DOWN AT THE DEPOT

### Dr. Durward Earl Newsom

Recently, the Drumright Historical Society Museum received two cases of books authored by D. Earl Newsom. You may recognize his name as the author of the “Drumright” books Volume I and II. The publisher, Evans Publications of Perkins, has closed its doors and sent the last remaining copies of these books to our museum. These volumes are packed with Drumright history beginning with Tom Slick and the Wheeler #1 in 1912 and ending with the growth and advancement of our community in the 1980s. We have an extremely limited number of these books available for purchase at \$28 per book. Please contact the museum to get your copies before they are gone.

As much as I have enjoyed reading his books and using them as references, I thought it would be a good thing to remember his life and retrace his connections to Drumright. He was an amazing journalist, mastering the printed media.

Durward Earl Newsom was born on January 9, 1919, in Drumright, Oklahoma to Jessie Earl and Ruth Louise Newsom. He grew up here, carried papers and at the age of sixteen, he began working as a reporter and sportswriter for the local paper, the Drumright Journal. After graduation from Drumright High School in 1936, he became the editor and then manager of the Drumright Journal. When the United States joined the Allied Forces

during World War II, Earl served in the U.S. Naval Reserves and attained the rank of Petty Officer First Class. After the war, he worked in Washington, D.C. as a Congressional aid for Lyle H. Boren.

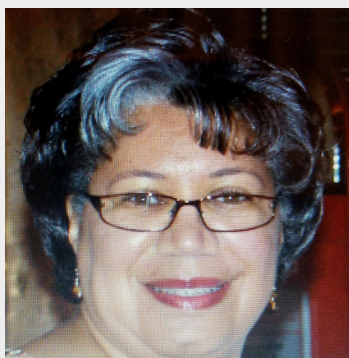
The next phase of his life centered on education. Moving to Stillwater, he earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from Oklahoma A & M College (OSU). Continuing, he completed a Master of Science degree in Journalism from Northwestern University in 1949. These degrees allowed him to teach Journalism at Texas A & M from 1949 – 1954. Then in 1954, he returned to Stillwater to pursue a doctorate in education. Upon completing his doctorate, he became a professor of journalism at the University of Maryland, where he was employed from 1957 – 1979.

Upon retirement, he returned to Oklahoma and pursued his love of history and journalism. He authored nearly a dozen books covering the history of Drumright, Stillwater, Payne County and Oklahoma, along with numerous articles and stories for the Stillwater News-Press and the Chronicles of Oklahoma. Collections of his papers, photos and writings have been donated to the Oklahoma State University Library Special Collections, the Sheerar Museum, and the Drumright Historical Society

Museum.

Dr. Durward Earl Newsom passed away on May 15, 2013. We want to honor the work and life of Dr. Newsom, while encouraging you to support your local museum and purchase this special set of books, "Drumright! The Glory Days of a Boomtown" (1985) and "Drumright II – A Thousand Memories" (1987). Down at the depot, you can find these books and a selection of several other books and items highlighting our community. Won't you come down and take a look!

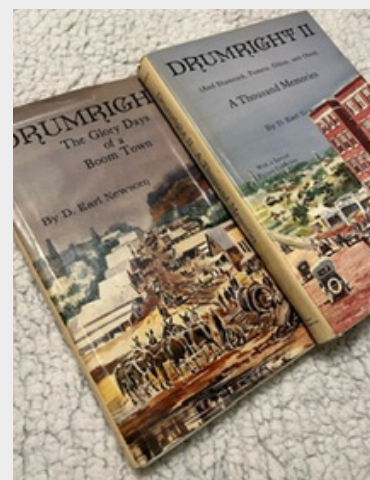
By Patti Pouncil



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Dr. Durward Earl Newsom



Drumright Books

## TORNADO ALLEY SPORTS

### Top 10 Biggest Drumright Wins in Baseball:

People might wonder what were some of the biggest Tornado baseball wins. Well, I have 10 wins that were the biggest, as far as I'm concerned.

10. The Tornadoes beat Olive 5-4 in 2004 and had already lost to them three times that year, facing them in two tournaments and losing to them 11-4 in one of those games, if I remember correctly. However, this one went to Drumright, although Olive was ahead most of the game. Travis Willing pitched and he or Lance Phillips hit a homer to put the Tornadoes ahead. Chris Cummins, Brian Fisher and Kyle Wright were some of the other players. Leading by five, the Tornadoes had to stop Olive in the top of the seventh inning.

9. The Tornadoes had a couple of huge wins during the district playoffs over Preston that wasn't expected. The Tornadoes had to beat Preston twice to get it done and they did, shocking the Preston nation. These wins were also in 2004.

8. In 1982, the Tornadoes beat Okemah 12-4 for the conference title. Okemah was 10-0 going into the first conference game. The Tornadoes were ahead 3-0 going into the third inning. Charles Carroll was striking Okemah batters out and picking them off, if they got on first. The Tornadoes hit four home-runs, two by Tony Lee, one by Gene Carroll and one by Charles Carroll with an almost homer for Larry Walsh. Back then, there weren't strict pitching rules, so Charles Carroll pitched almost every game. It started to sprinkle, not raining and Okemah left saying the game was a rain out. 30 minutes later, the sun was shining! Later, we beat Okemah at the Okmulgee tournament, where they didn't call the game off because of sprinkles.

7. The Tornadoes upset #9 Wellston, at Wellston. However, they lost the first game 12-5 but kept from getting run ruled, even with Wellston using their ace pitcher, who pitched the whole game and wasn't able to pitch the next day. The second game, Layne Foster pitched great and beat Wellston 3-0 with Paul Farless pitching the third game with a win of 14-7. The Tornadoes had great momentum and scored 11 runs in the first inning. Other players in this game were, CJ "Crazy Eyes" Blansett, Alex Russell, John Lechtenberg, Weston Morris, Zach Ruckman and Zach Duren.

6. Sometimes, things happen for a reason. Freshman, Doug Fulkerson was pitching against Cushing when the Tornadoes got beat 13-11. In the next game, Fulkerson got in trouble in the fifth inning but coach Bob Freeman left him in the game, which gave Fulkerson confidence. The Tornadoes ended up beating Cushing 3-2 in nine innings, leading the Tornadoes to their first state tournament after previously winning the Perkins Regional, where they played Tonkawa in the first game. The score was tied at 10-10, when Tonkawa had a base hit, which made it look like it would seal the winning run. However, in centerfield was Blake Gibson who threw the ball to cut the runner off. Richard Duren threw it in to brother, Russell Duren, at catcher, getting the runner out. This was the most electric play, ever! Seconds later, clouds rolled in, the tornado whistle blew and we had to take shelter. Someone forgot to get John Ledgerwood and had to go back and pick him up. I'm not sure it even rained. The tornadoes ended up winning in extra innings 19-10. The day the Tornadoes played #4 Perkins, they beat us twice, 16-9 and 9-8 but the tornadoes won the

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third game 16-4. Mike Ledgerwood hit a homer to help us get the win. Meeker would end up needing to beat us twice but didn't even beat us once, with the Tornadoes winning 12-6. The Tornadoes beat Silo 10-2 in the first round of state but lost to Latta 17-7. Blake Gibson hit a homer against Latta's stud pitcher.

5. In 2007, the Tornadoes welcomed coach Blake Flewellen. They played Chouteau in the first round of regionals at Lincoln Christian and then went on to play the #5 Lincoln Christian Bulldogs, who looked like adults. Thankfully, they couldn't hit Jacob Vogts curveball and the Tornadoes won 3-1. Lincoln Christian beat us in the second game 12-4 but in the third we pitched Vogt again and won 4-2 where Corbin Vaughn showed the most emotion I have ever seen from him, he was a pretty quiet guy. Levi Fulkerson, one of our best players, got hurt in the first inning. As he was sliding into home, the bulldogs catchers shin guard messed up Fulkersons leg and he didn't get to play the rest of the game but the Tornadoes ended up winning. Fulkerson and Josh Gutierrez were both great pitchers and could hit the ball a mile. Other players were, Layne Foster, Nick Dorsey, Boone Boyer, Brad Wright, Ryan Haskins, Tyler Nicholson and Adam Marshall.

4. In 1977, coach Jerry Geyer and the Tornadoes upset #1 Meeker. Meeker had a great pitcher, I believe his name was Virgil Fowler. It was said that there was a professional scout who came to watch him play at Drumright, where Mike Boyer had a two run homer against him. Wayne "Bones" Wright pitched for Drumright and had the game of his life, striking out multiple Meeker players to win the game 2-1.

3. The first round of the 1986 state tournament, the year we won it all. Drumright played Minco, who had won state in basketball, making them 0-5 in baseball. Once Minco started to roll, they became dominant and made it a tough first round. Minco hit the ball very hard most of the game, making the Tornadoes down 9-8. In the bottom of the seventh, Doug Fulkerson hit a two run single helping the torndoes score two runs to win 10-9. The game was at Konowa due to being rained out in Seminole. The next day, we had two games at Chandler baseball camp. The semifinals was against Latta at Latta, who had thumped us two years before. It was strange back then that the team got to host semifinal games. It was said that Latta pitching staff was unreal. We started ahead 5-0 and right off the bat, Barry Wells, who was used at times as a pitcher, shut down Latta with help from shortstop, Brian Burden. Burden fielded the ball at short, stepped on second and threw it to first for a double play. It did not last, as Latta lead 8-6 going into the bottom of the sixth, when the Tornadoes erupted for 14 runs. The great Latta pitching staff was decimated 20-8. Carl Sherwood led off with a double and the doubles kept coming from just about everyone. We bunted them to death, including a great squeeze bunt from Barry Gibson to score Pat Garst as the tornado fans went crazy! Pat Burden hit a three run homer and the Tornadoes who were down 8-6 going into the inning, run ruled Latta in the same inning. That was game two of the tournament and we had to wait five hours to play again. During this time, Class B Asher was playing Leedey, I believe. Plus, the other game was the other semifinal game between Dale and Hennessey. Hennessey was favored to win the whole tournament, but Billy Sims, who was a small guy with a great arm struck out 20 batters in a 4-3 10 inning game. Probably as exciting a game ever seen.

2. The Tornadoes, coached by Tom Schooley, were at the Depew tournament against Liberty

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Mounds and their stud pitcher, Rudy Garcia, who later pitched at the University of Arkansas. The first two innings, no one could see the ball, Garcia was throwing so fast. The Tornadoes trailed 3-0 going into the top of the third with the bottom of the lineup to bat. Jay Ernst and Jimmy Anderson hit back to back doubles on Garcia. It was just like the movies! The whole team was hitting the ball and Tornado pitcher, Greg Fulkerson threw a ton of his patented curve balls, we won 5-4 as second baseman, Jeff Hall fielded a grounder and threw to David Rickner at first to win the game. Rudy Garcia is now the boys basketball coach at Tulsa Union.

1. The Tornadoes played Dale in the 1986 state finals. Dale only had a 40 minute rest from the Hennessey game and looked tired. Randy Plunkett, 6'6 and left handed was the pitcher for Dale, who over the years was the most effective pitcher for the Stroud American Legion team and also had Billy Sims and great hitter, Travis Reese, a lefty. Even though Dale had only 40 minutes to rest, Drumright had waited over five hours to play after the Latta game. Pat Burden was doing a great job pitching, the game was tied 2-2 going into the top of the sixth. The Tornadoes went ahead 8-4, as the tired Dale team had multiple errors and gave up many walks. The last inning, Doug Fulkerson came in to pitch for the Tornadoes, getting Dale out in three batters. The last was Bret Flewellen, fielding a grounder at second and throwing to Barry Well's at first. Tony Moyer's Tornadoes finished 25-6 (others had started with Wayne Williams). Ronald Fowler, a sophomore was appointed as first base coach by coach Moyer. Others on the team were, Chris Sherwood, Vernon Moore, Bennie Wilkerson, Mark Stevens, and eighth grader, Blake Flewellen, who went to every game and sat in the dugout. You couldn't see the players because of the huge crowd who came out to see the Tornadoes play in the state finals, I had never seen that at any other game.

By Robert Marshall



## **BOOMTOWN THEATER**

Drumright Boomtown Theater is back this year after a short time off. This year it brings us an Award Winner Film and play, *On Golden Pond*, written by Ernest Thompson.

The curtain opens with sounds of loons on Golden Pond as Ethel Thayer, (played by Char Williams), embraces the soothing sounds calling on the lake "welcoming them home." The aging couple, continue a tradition of spending each summer at their cottage on a lake called, Golden Pond, in the far reaches of northern New England.

Norman Thayer (played by Shane Bruce) a crusty retired professor, is grappling with many effects of aging. He is estranged from his daughter, Chelsea (played by Lusetta Fennell-Timmons). Norman and Ethel agree to care for Billy, the son of Chelsea's new boyfriend, at their summer home on Golden Pond as an unexpected relationship blooms.

Two other hometown stars are: Scott House as Bill Ray, the engaged/husband of Chelsea (Lusetta Fennell Timmons) the estranged daughter of Ethel and Norman. Scott has performed in numerous productions, such as, "Come Blow Your Horn" and, "The Odd Couple." Scott is a joy to work with and audiences love him. Scott is employed by AT&T. He is married to Julie Matherly, another Boomtown favorite.

And Chris Coonce as Charlie Martin the mailman, who has had his eye on Chelsea for years. Chris is a theater man through and through. His creativity is not limited to acting. Since 1995, he has designed, built sets, handled the sounds, lights, carpentry, electrical work, and anything else needed at the theater. Some of his favorite productions include, "No Sex Please," "We're British," and "Love, Sex, and the IRS."

Boomtown is happy to introduce some newcomers to our stage. Char Williams, plays Ethel Thayer, wife of Norman Thayer. Char has performed on the Cushing Theater stage . She has performed in, "Give My Regards to Broadway," where she sang and danced. Char brings a freshness to the stage with her lilting conversational tone. Her cooperative spirit makes her a perfect fit for the roll of Ethel Thayer.

Also, new to our stage is Lusetta Fennell-Timmons, who plays Chelsea Thayer, the estranged daughter . She was a drama major at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant. In 1992, she joined a theater company that toured from the mid-west to the east coast. Among Lusetta's favorite productions is, "The Secret Affairs of Mildred Wild."

And brand spanking new to the stage is Kendall Williams as Billy. Kendall loves singing before audiences. His rendition of, "The Battle of New Orleans," by Johnny Horton, brought the house down. Kendall is home schooled and lives in Cushing with his parents, Rachel and Kyle Williams

This is a play reflecting on aging, estrangement, anger, forgiveness, sorrow and joy. It will touch all your emotions.

Show times are April 19th and 20th at 8:00pm, and Sunday April 21st at 2:00 pm. And again on April 26th and 27th at 8:00 pm and Sunday 28th at 2:00 pm.

By: Deborah Wilson



Kendall Williams (Billy), Char Williams (Ethel), and Shane Bruce (Norman)



Chris Coonce (Charlie) and Lusetta Finnell-Timmons (Chelsea)



Kendall Williams (Billy) and Scott House (Bill Ray)

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**Boomtown Theater**  
PRESENTS



ON GOLDEN POND  
BY ERNEST THOMPSON  
DIRECTED BY EMILY WARNER

19 FRIDAY	8 P.M.	<b>APRIL 2024</b>	26 FRIDAY	8 P.M.
20 SATURDAY	8 P.M.		27 SATURDAY	8 P.M.
21 SUNDAY	2 P.M.		28 SUNDAY	2 P.M.

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The Chamber of Commerce is still  
accepting membership for 2024.



# Obituaries

## **Linda Denise Branum**

Funeral services for Drumright resident, Linda Branum, were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 25th in the Drumright First Assembly of God with Rev. William Jenkins of Checotah, Oklahoma officiating. Interment followed at 3:00 p.m. in the Mellett Cemetery near Eufaula, Oklahoma. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the care of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright.

Linda was born in Corpus Christi, Texas on June 27, 1965 to the late Aubrey Elton Bailey & Gwendalyn Ann (Lytle) Bailey. She passed from this life on March 15, 2024 at the age of 61 years, 8 months, & 17 days. Linda was a preacher's daughter which meant they traveled a lot. They finally settled in Henryetta, Oklahoma where she graduated from High School in 1981. She married Michael James Branum in Arkansas on July 4, 1997 and they have remained together until her death. Being the wife of a preacher, they lived in various places but finally settled in Kingston, Oklahoma where they remained for 8 years. In 2021 they accepted a senior pastoral assignment at the Drumright First Assembly. However, due to severe health issues, Linda was unable to accompany her husband. She has been a resident of the Rainbow Health Care Center in Bristow, Oklahoma for several years. Linda always had a smile on her face. She was outgoing, funny, & would do anything to get a laugh. She enjoyed singing, gardening, mowing, & spending time with her family & friends. Cooking not so much, Linda worked in several occupations but her true calling was leading young people to the Lord as a Youth Pastor. As she and Michael transitioned to senior pastors, she found fulfillment in loving her church family as well. Linda loved being a wife & mom but her greatest joy was being Nanny to Jace & Emma. To know Linda was to love Linda. She was preceded in death by her Father: Aubrey Bailey; her Mother: Gwen Bailey – Noe; Stepfather: Ron Noe; Mother-In-Law: Wilma "Gabby" Branum; Sister: Cindy Cunningham; Brother: Sam Bailey; & Brother-In-Law: Robert Branum.

Her remaining family includes her loving Husband: Rev. Michael Branum of Drumright; Daughter: Destiny Nace & husband Tommy of Berryhill; Grandchildren: Jace & Emma; Brothers & Sisters: Sandy & David Dodge of Bristow – Guy & Myra Bailey of Colorado – Willie & Terri Bailey of Glenpool; Brothers-In-Law: Paul Cunningham of Kellyville – Leon Branum & wife Anita of Dustin; Sister-In-Law: Suzy Berry of Wetumka; Siblings: David Noe of Bristow – Kristi Weatherford of Jenks – Denise Goldberger of Broken Arrow; plus numerous Cousins – Nieces – Nephews – other relatives – and friends. The family would like to express their thanks & gratitude to the staff of the Rainbow Health Care Center for their kindness and care given to Linda & the family.



# Obituaries

## Michael Dale Carroll

A graveside memorial service for Drumright resident, Mike Carroll, was held 11:00 a.m. Thursday, March 28th in the Drumright Oak Hill Cemetery. Rev. George "Marty" Brock, III of the Olive First Baptist Church officiated. Cremation and funeral arrangements were entrusted to the care of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright.

Mike was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma to the late Willard Dale Carroll & Marjorie Ann (Gleason) Carroll on January 29, 1952. He passed from this life at his residence on March 19, 2024 at the age of 72 years, 1 month, & 19 days. Mike was raised & educated in Drumright & was a 1970 graduate of Drumright High School. He attended Central State University in Edmond where he received his Bachelor's Degree. Mike had worked in the oil industry all of his life. He had worked at D&D Electric, Conoco Phillips in Ponca City for 12+ years, and retired from Keystone Gas as a Compressor Station Operator. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by 2 Brothers: Larry & Gary.

His remaining family includes his Aunt: Donna Flewellen of Drumright; 2 Uncles: Ray Carroll of Sapulpa - Bob Carroll of Broken Arrow; plus several Cousins & other relatives.

## Juliene Dorsey

Funeral services for Drumright resident, Juliene Dorsey, were held 2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 21st in the Drumright Frist Baptist Church with Rev. George Brock, III of Olive Frist Baptist Church officiating, assisted by Rev. Monty McGee. Interment followed in Euchee Valley Memorial Park near Cushing, Oklahoma. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the care of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright.

Juliene was born in Drumright, Oklahoma on October 18, 1930 to the late Charles Giddeon & Nannie (Morgan) Giddeon. She passed from this life at her residence on March 16, 2024 at the age of 93 years, 4 months, & 27 days. Juliene was raised & educated in Drumright & was a 1949 graduate of Drumright High School. She married Harold Robert Dorsey on October 23, 1948 & they remained together until his death in 2005. Juliene was a stay a home mom & they raised 3 children Robbie, Gerald, & Sandra. She was a longtime member of the Drumright First Baptist Church & enjoyed visiting with family & friends, cooking, playing Skip-Bo, and working Word Search puzzles. In addition to her parents & husband, she was preceded in death by a Son: Gerald; & 6 Brothers & Sisters.

Her remaining family includes a Son: Robbie Dorsey & wife Brenda of Drumright ; a Daughter: Sandra Cobb & husband Roy of Drumright; Daughter-In-Law: Carla Dorsey of Jennings; Grandchildren: Cody & Sarah - Casey - Caleb & Alesha - Trinity & Jeff - Whitney & Jordan - & Matilyn; Great Grandchildren: Blaine - Remington - Benton - Wyatt - Tinley - Hudson - & Emma; plus numerous Cousins, Nieces, Nephews, other relatives, and friends.



# Obituaries

## **Raymond Virgil "Skip" Henneha**

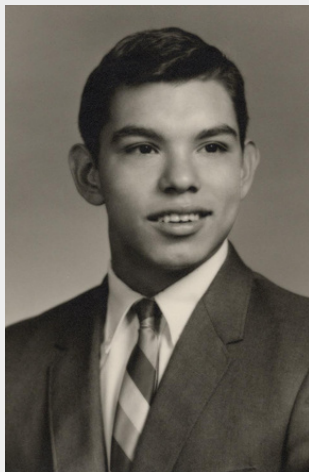
Raymond was born on November 7, 1948 in Torrance, California to the late Virgil Henneha, Sr. & Jean (Camp) Henneha of Bristow, Oklahoma. He passed from this life in Stillwater on March 16, 2024 at the age of 75 years, 4 months, & 9 days. Raymond attended Bristow Grade School and later moved to Enid, Oklahoma and attended

Emerson Junior High School. He excelled at athletics including baseball, & track, but especially football. During his time at fullback with Enid's 1964, 1965, & 1966 Championship Teams he earned the title of All State Fullback. He continued his football career with The Golden Norsemen of NEO as fullback on their 1968 National Junior College Championship team. He never played on a losing football team. Skip didn't know the meaning of the word "quit". He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1969 to 1973 and served in the Air Wing at Iwakuni, Japan as well as attaining the rank of Sergeant. He enjoyed flying and later skydiving. Skip enjoyed hunting, & fishing

even though he hated eating fish. He once bowled a near perfect game with a 299 score with which he was presented one heck of an engraved diamond ring. He worked for Groendyke in Enid and for Conoco in Houston before coming to Armstrong in Stillwater and later opened the Harbor Bar. Skip had a larger than life sense of humor with which he was an encyclopedia of jokes, the weirdest toys and his quick ad libs. He liked all kinds of music - country AND western, but was all in with rock and even had his own band in high school, as well he was a devoted Parrot Head. He was a member of the local Moose Herd and attended whenever they were open. He and Karen were sidekicks, second family (maybe first) with fellow Meese and the Moose was their social gathering place. Raymond was married to Bonnie Bingham & Susan Hampton before finding the love of his life, Karen Aust, his wife for the last 24 years. They loved and supported each other through shared hardships & joys.

He is survived by his Wife: Karen of their Stillwater home; Sons: Jackie Ray Henneha, wife Kim & family of Stillwater - James Henneha of Missouri; Daughter: Julie Madl, husband Ken & family of Missouri; Stepdaughter: Sheila Hulsman and husband Hans of Broken Arrow; Sister: Kay Wisehart and husband John of Stillwater; Nephews: Jacob & John Christian Wisehart; several Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren; and Jasmine the black cat of their home. He will be greatly missed.

Cremation services entrusted to Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright.



# Obituaries

## **Ruth Elizabeth Kaiser**

A memorial service for Oilton resident, Ruth Kaiser was held 2:00 p.m. Friday, March 29, 2024 at the Oilton First Baptist Church with Rev. Larry Calvert officiating. Cremation and funeral arrangements were entrusted to the care of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright.

Ruth was born in Drumright, Oklahoma to the late Cleo Bartley & Ella Mae Birge on November 12, 1943. She passed from this life in Oilton on March 19, 2024 at the age of 80 years, 4 months, & 7 days. Ruth was raised & educated in Shamrock (later Drumright), by adoptive parents Lee & Albie (Birge) Dunn. In 1960 she planted the first of many roots in Oilton, Ok with her first husband, Richard L. Molder, where she lovingly raised their two children while working as everyone's favorite waitress at the Kopper Kettle Cafe, growing affectionately known as "Cookie".

In 1982 "Cookie" married her favorite Kopper Kettle customer, Larry K. Kaiser, to whom she would spend the next 27 years sharing a lifetime of love, traveling, adventure and laughs. Together they explored the U.S. and made countless friends as distinguished members of the Sim-R-Ron Sams RV Club. In 1992 Ruth fulfilled a dream of going back to school where she obtained an education in Office Technology. Later they settled in Sapulpa, where Ruth worked and retired from WorldCom Communications. Upon her retirement, the two of them set out on more RV travel adventures until her loving husband passed in 2009. Ruth retired again from her work as a Camp Host at Heyburn Lake in 2010 and settled back in her hometown of Oilton where she thrived in exploring her many talents and sharing her heart through the work of her hands with sewing, crocheting, crafting, and teaching loved ones the art of gardening and canning. There are hats covering heads all around the world with her passion sewn in every stitch as part of the Baptist mission she diligently served. She leaves behind a legacy of love & memories of comfort through the gifts of her mastered crafts. In addition to her parents, she is preceded by her beloved Husband: Larry K. Kaiser; Siblings: Ruby - Sarah - Joan - Dorothy - June - Paul - Harvey & James.

Ruth is survived by her children: Ricky Molder of Oilton - Angela Titus of Drumright - Larry W. Kaiser of Kansas - Tom Kaiser of Arizona; Grandchildren: Amanda - Adrian - Ricky - Victoria - Laura - Sarah - Ben - Tim & Ken; A host of Great Grandchildren and 4 Great-Great Grandchildren; plus numerous other relatives and friends. Ruth was a bright light to all who knew her, to know her was to love her and her presence will be deeply missed.

# Obituaries

## Sam Kane

Funeral services for Drumright resident, Sam Kane, were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 16th in the Drumright River of Life Christian Center with Pastor Kevin Vogeles officiating. Interment followed in the Drumright Oak Hill Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the care of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright.

Sam was born in Valparaiso, Indiana on October 23, 1956 to the late Sonny Kane & Bonnie Kane (Eldridge) Turner. He passed from this life in Tulsa on March 11, 2024 at the age of 67 years, 4 months, & 17 days. Sam was raised & educated in Indiana. He moved to this area from Lake Charles, Louisiana in 1999. He worked as a welder and metal fabricator for Flint Equipment. He enjoyed riding Harley Davidson Motorcycles, fishing, hunting, and anything Cajun style like shrimping, crab'n, etc. But what brought him the most joy was spending time with his children & grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a Daughter: J'Lynn Releford; Grandson: Kale Kane; Sister: Shay Mitchell; & Brother: Douglas Kane.

His remaining family includes his Children: Beau Kane & wife Ember of Drumright - Josie Maple & husband Matthew of Moore - Barbara Lemmons of Edmond - Samantha Rose of Drumright - Jamie Kane of Drumright - Earnest Kane of Drumright - Bonnie McCullough & husband Daniel of Sand Springs; Grandchildren: Michael Jr. - Jamis - Makenzie - Garrett - Hunter - Gavin - Olivia - Weston - Brody - Chesney - Khloe - Riley - Lucky - Sophia - Lillie - Kash - Mimi - Jayda - Daniel - Braycee - Dalton - Azalea; Great Grandchildren: Emma - Deckland - Kayson - & Jamis, Jr.; his longtime girlfriend & spouse: Amanda Floyd of Drumright; 2 Brothers: Tommy Kane of Illinois - Tony Kane of Missouri; a Sister: Darlene Austin of Indiana; plus numerous Cousins, Nieces, Nephews, other relatives, and friends.



# Obituaries

## **Myrl Allen “Bud” MARRS**

A memorial service for Drumright resident, Bud MARRS, was held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, March 22nd in the Olive First Baptist Church with Rev. George “Marty” Brock, III officiating. Burial of his cremains in the Drumright Oak Hill Cemetery will be at a later date. Cremation and funeral arrangements were entrusted to the care of Michael’s Funeral Home of Drumright.

Bud was born in Bristow, Oklahoma on January 29, 1933 to the late Marvin “Mike” MARRS & Clara Emma (Allen) MARRS. He passed from this life at his residence on March 15, 2024 at the age of 91 years, 1 month, & 15 days. Bud was raised & educated in Olive and was a 1951 graduate of Olive High School. He went to work in the area oilfields where he remained the rest of his life. He was always involved in the production & transport of oil, owning several companies in his lifetime. He loved to drive his rig all over the country. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a Son: Michael Corey MARRS; Brother: Jimmy Marvin MARRS; & a Sister: Clara Lee Shawn.

His remaining family includes 3 Children: Myrl Ann Hallman of Olive – Jana Warren of Broken Arrow – Jim Allen MARRS of Olive; Grandchildren: Corey – Kerry & Amy – Mandy – Jacob – Emma & Thomas - & Kylee; Great Grandchildren: Easton – Riglee – Jeremiah – Sidney – Ava - & Alex; plus several Nieces, Nephews, Cousins, other relatives, and friends.



# Obituaries

## Grace Slane

Grace was born in Oilton, Oklahoma to the late Arthur P. Slane and Gladys M. (Potts) Slane on September 13, 1936. She passed from this life in Bartlesville on March 17, 2024 at the age of 87 years, 6 months, and 4 days. Grace was raised and educated in Oilton, Drumright & Shamrock. She was a graduate of Shamrock High School and had lived in Shamrock all of her adult life. She was the caretaker of the family; taking care of her father, and two brothers until their death. She and her sister Wilda lived together east of Shamrock and took care of each other. While Wilda worked outside of the home, Grace never did. she was in charge of taking care of the house. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by 2 Sisters: her beloved Wilda Slane and Juanita Pollock, 3 Brothers: her twin: Grant Slane - Louis Slane and Larry Slane.

At the time of her death she was survived by 3 Brothers: Clifford Slane of Texas - Jerry Slane of Drumright - Charles Slane of Claremore; 3 Sisters: Kay Inman of California - Myrna McBroom of Drumright - Mary Robel of Choctaw; plus numerous Nieces - Nephews - Cousins & other relatives.



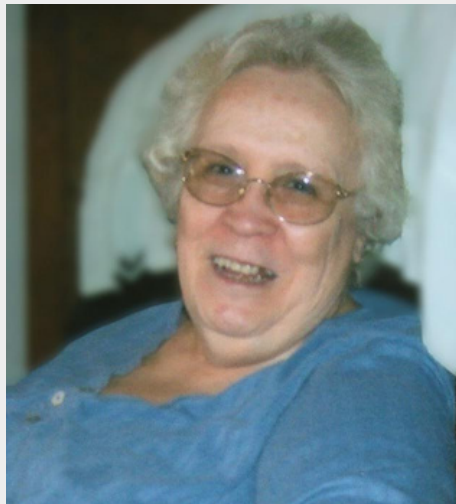
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## Wilda June Slane

A graveside memorial service for Shamrock resident, Wilda Slane, was held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday March 23, 2024 in the Highland Cemetery at Oilton with Rev Jim Forrest of the Drumright First Christian Church officiating. Cremation and funeral arrangements were entrusted to the care of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright.

Wilda was born in Oilton, Oklahoma to the late Arthur P. Slane & Gladys M. (Potts) Slane on June 18, 1933. She passed from this life in Bartlesville on February 27, 2024 at the age of 90 years, 9 months, & 9 days. Wilda was raised & educated in Oilton, Drumright, & Shamrock. She was a graduate of Shamrock High School and had lived in Shamrock all of her adult life. She had worked at the garment factory in Bristow for many years until her retirement. She enjoyed watching TV and spending time with her sister, Grace. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a Sister: Juanita Pollock; & 3 Brothers: Grant Slane – Louis Slane - & Larry Slane.

At the time of her death, she was survived by 3 Brothers: Clifford Slane of Texas – Jerry Slane of Drumright – Charles Slane of Claremore; 4 Sisters: Grace Slane of Shamrock – Kay Inman of California – Myrna McBroom of Drumright - & Mary Robel of Choctaw; plus numerous Nieces – Nephews – Cousins - & other relatives.



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