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**B**obbie Maxine Thompson Burwell, 82, of Owasso, Oklahoma passed from this life on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 in Owasso, Oklahoma with her family by her side. She was born December 23, 1936 in Tahlequah, Oklahoma to her parents, Gerald Archie “Juel” Thompson and Randa Easter Dause Thompson. After a brief time living in Portland, Oregon, her family moved back to Oklahoma and settled in Fort Gibson where her father owned a general store and her mother taught elementary school in Fort Gibson. Bobbie married the love of her life, James Burwell, on May 26, 1957 at First Baptist Church in Fort Gibson, Oklahoma and they shared in over 61 beautiful years together. Bobbie was Valedictorian of her senior class at Fort Gibson High school. While attending Northeastern State College, she served as the athletic director and a member of the Cherokee Maiden Drill team. Bobbie pledged Alpha Sigma Alpha social sorority and was a member of the honorary science, math and scholastic fraternities. She graduated Cum Laude in the class of 1957, just three years after high school, with two bachelor’s degrees in Mathematics and Chemistry and a minor in Physics. Bobbie applied her God-given gifts and multiple college degrees by working for General Dynamics as a computer, Sinclair Oil, doing tax preparation, managing the couple’s convenience store, and raising three children. She was a faithful Christian, wife, mother, grandmother, sister, daughter, and friend. Bobbie had a passion for education, traveling, serving, reading, the arts, OSU basketball, and the Thunder. She imparted these passions on her children and grandchildren. Bobbie is survived by her husband, James Burwell of Owasso, Oklahoma; two sons, Jimmy David Burwell and Tracey Raymond of Owasso, Oklahoma and Jeffrey Arnold Burwell and Duong Le Burwell of Owasso, Oklahoma; one daughter, Marlena Gail Burwell of Owasso, Oklahoma; one brother, Gerald Thompson (Kathy) of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; one sister, Marilyn Burt (Doug) of Fort Gibson, Oklahoma; and four grandsons, David and Sarah Burwell,



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Michael Burwell, Rocky Nguyen, and Benjamin Burwell, as well as a bonus granddaughter, Amy McKinley Larwood. Bobbie was preceded in death by her parents, Juel and Randa Thompson. Visitation will be held from 12 – 7 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 2019 with family receiving friends from 5 – 7 p.m. at Floral Haven Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at Central Baptist Church in Owasso, Oklahoma with Reverend Brian Zinck officiating. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org) or to the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma at [www.okfoodbank.org](http://www.okfoodbank.org).



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**Sharon Bryant** posted:

My heart is saddened by the loss of our wonderful aunt, Bobbie. She has been a part of our family and lives since 1957, when I was 15 years old. She loved watching basketball. My sister, Karin, and I both played on the Chouteau Basketball team. She and uncle James would travel far and wide to our games. They were always there to cheer us on. Not only in sports, but in every aspect of our life, they were both an awesome presence. We thought she was a "rock star" because she married our Uncle James when no one else was able to snag him! She liked to bake, and she made the best German Chocolate Cake I have ever eaten. She was a very private person, but also someone who you could talk to, get advice from, and help with your homework ?? She will be greatly missed. I love you, Aunt Bobbie, you are free now. Walk in the spirit of God's love. Heaven has gained a new angel.

April 12 at 9:16 AM



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