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Winifred "Freddie" Dudley, age 100, passed from this world into her heavenly home on April 29, 2023. Freddie was born on July 11, 1922 to Earl and Mabel Whelchel in Westville, OK. There she spent her childhood living on her father's Cherokee allotment land, attending a one room country school and graduating from Westville High School. In 1942 Freddie, along with her family, moved to Tulsa where she worked for Douglas Aircraft Co. Then in 1944, during the height of WWII, Winifred enlisted in the newly formed Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC). One year later this auxiliary unit was changed to Women's Army Corps (WAC), which granted official military status to these women volunteers. This established Winifred as a groundbreaker for women in U.S. military active service. She served in the army for nearly 2 years, working as a clerical worker, military postal worker and chaplain's assistant.

Shortly after the war ended in 1945, Winifred married Jay Floyd Dudley, also from Westville and also a WWII Army Air Corps veteran. The newlyweds would make their first home in Tahlequah, OK where Jay attended Northeastern State Teachers College. After his graduation from college they moved to the community of Bunch, OK where Jay served for 17 years as principal and teacher at Cave Springs School. Winifred stayed busy during this time raising their four children, serving in any capacity in which she was needed at the school, giving much time and energy to Bunch Baptist Church and helping to meet any need in the community that she was made aware of.

Later on the Dudley's lived and worked in Nickerson, KS, Bentonville, AR and Oilton, OK. In each of these new places Freddie found and pursued opportunities to do what she did best...serve others. Everywhere she went she left a legacy of people impacted by her time and energy and Christlike love.



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When Jay and Freddie finally retired and moved to Tulsa, Freddie volunteered her valuable services to several ministries and organizations including Ronald McDonald House, Baptist Ministry Center, Tulsa State Fair (as a chaplain), Oklahoma Honor Flight, and Ernest Childers VA Clinic. For Winifred, volunteering in each of these capacities was not merely a way to fill her time during retirement. Her service stemmed from a steadfast desire to follow and be like her Savior, Jesus Christ. She had experienced His love and she was compelled to reflect that love to everyone around her.

Jay and Freddie were married 70 years until Jay passed away in 2016. Together they had four children—Dayne, Jayne, Wayne and Kelly. 12 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Winifred is preceded in death by her husband Jay Dudley, daughter Jayne White, son Larry Dudley, sisters Evelyn Morris and Billie June Sale, grandson Brandt Henderson. She is survived by her son Dayne Dudley, son Wayne Dudley and wife Tammy, daughter Kelly Henderson and husband Michael, son-in-law Ron White, grandchildren Kelsey Sanchez and husband Luis, Courtney Dudley, Brandon White, Shannon White, Christian Dudley, Olivia Franklin and husband Houston, McLain Dudley, Molly Dudley, Dino Henderson and wife Lenore, Drew Henderson, Rhett Henderson.

Memorial contributions may be made to Ballard Bible Church—Watts, OK or Mend Medical Services—Tulsa, OK.

Visitation will be held Thursday and Friday, May 4 & 5, 2023 from 4-7 PM at Floral Haven Funeral Home. Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 2:00 PM at Floral Haven Funeral Home - Rose Chapel. Interment will be held at a later date.

<https://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/87774>



Events

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4:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT

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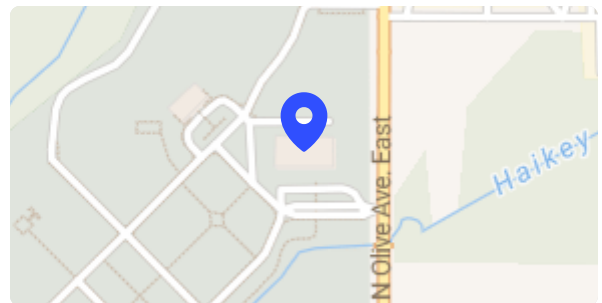


Celebration of Life

Saturday, May 6, 2023

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM CT

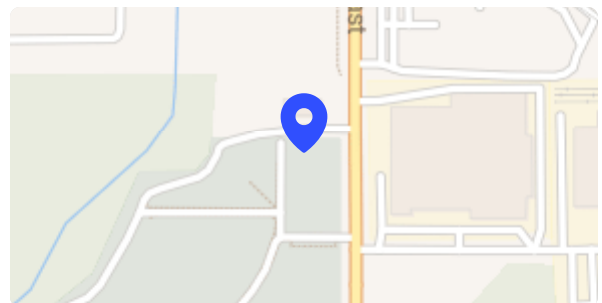
Floral Haven Rose Chapel
6500 S. 129th E. Ave., Broken Arrow OK 74012



Cemetery Details

Floral Haven Cemetery
6420 S. 129th E. Ave., Broken Arrow OK 74012

(918) 505-7254





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Joe Keith Vfw Post 3077 & Auxiliary shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



We salute & honor Freddie's life & legacy! We embrace her life & will continue her service of sacrifice for the greater good of this world. On our visit in February she was so excited to share her stories of her life growing up in the Cherokee Nation as a descendant of The Trail of Tears. The walls in her room at the Baptist village were filled with treasures that hugged her with memories of her family, accomplishments, travels & Native American heritage. She was still wearing her cowgirl boots everyday & they were next to her bed. She was a regular attendee at the All Veterans meetings where she always contributed stories of her service. Henry Bodden & his wife always made sure she got to the meetings & she told us how she loved them for their friendship. She was interviewed for Voices of Oklahoma by a John Earling on March 1st. John wrote in email after the interview that she was a strong 100 year old with a great memory. If you are a veteran that has not documented your story Freddie would encourage you to do so. Our country will forever exist as free because of the service & sacrifice of veterans. Especially veterans like Winifred Dudley! May God bless the caregivers & veterans that stood by her giving comfort & care at the Baptist Village. May God continue to bless & keep her family in His light.

May 26 at 2:51 AM



Marilyn Chenoweth posted:

My sweetest memories of Freddie was the year she and I worked in Vacation School together. Her VBS shirt was way too big and when she came in next day it was the perfect size! She could do anything. We both loved teaching the children. When we last talked about a year ago she was so cheerful & we talked about our friendship, favorite preacher on radio, & Jesus. I wanted to talk to her again here, but I am happy that she is with Jesus!!! I pray God's comfort for her loved ones .

May 8 at 12:53 PM



Gary Butler posted:

She blessed me many times by cheering me up & kept me laughing. She always had time to talk to me, later after she retired I would see her at the VA as a patient she always remembered who I was. God Love her.

May 6 at 12:01 PM



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OT

Ok Women Veterans-Tulsa posted:

We were blessed to have Freddie as a member of OK Women Veterans. She was a real treasure to the nation. We were honored to celebrate her 100th birthday milestone with her last July. She will be remembered very fondly. May she rest in eternal peace.

May 3 at 12:56 PM

WB

William Bates posted:

Winifred's smile is the greatest smile on earth. She always makes me feel like I'm her best friend. She lights up the room. When I call, we talk for hours about long walks; her being a Army WAC in Texas; and of course her favorite subject JESUS. I call her Winifred because of my respect for her, and my love of her beautiful name. I talk about her in the present tense because I remember the Bible verse, " I am with you always to the end of the world." I pray that the LORD gives me just a tenth of the joy and enthusiasm Winifred has. William Bates Blinded Veterans Association Sooner Group President

May 2 at 5:14 PM

ME

Mitzi Epperson posted:

Freddie will be truly missed! Her presence on our campus was known campus wide. What an honor it was to know her and see her express her commitment and dedication to our country and her daily mission to share the gospel to others. What a beautiful soul!

May 2 at 12:53 PM



Media

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Winifred by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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