



# Wanda Patricia Turner

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**W**ill Rogers was famously quoted as saying, "I never met a man I didn't like" and for those who knew Wanda Turner they might say "Wanda never met a person she didn't talk to."

Wanda Patricia Burnett was born on February 16, 1932 as the youngest child to Sallie and Walker Burnett in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Growing up in the Tulsa area, she graduated from Will Rogers High School class of 1950. While attending Eastside Church of Christ she met a shy, ex-military man ten years her senior and with her outgoing personality it wasn't long before she became Mrs. Eldon Turner on September 15, 1950.

Wanda worked at Halliburton in Payroll until she began her most proud title of Homemaker and Mother to three daughters, Anette, Shari and Laketa. Wanda was well known for her exceptional sewing talent from wedding dresses to tailored suits to Halloween costumes and everyday clothes.

Once all her daughters were old enough to go to school she volunteered at Patrick Henry and later did substitute teaching for Claremore schools, volunteering much of her time at Verdigris schools as well.

Wanda's endless batches of Peanut Brittle every holiday season were legendary and requested by many, as no one made it quite like her. Her homemade hot rolls and pot roast were also in demand every Sunday. Her handwriting was impeccable, and she was proud of her penmanship as it was quite beautiful.

Eldon and Wanda moved from Tulsa to Claremore in 1973 and falling in love with the small-town charm, she immersed herself in the community. For years, she served as band parent volunteer, running the concession stand at every home football, basketball and wrestling game. Wanda was involved in 4-H and AFS, hosting a foreign exchange student, Phenphorn, from Thailand, whom she claimed as her fourth daughter. She hosted many AFS students from around the world for short or extended stays. She became an active worker for the election board, working for them for



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over 40 years. Wanda also worked at the post office delivering mail to rural routes as a long-term sub.

After Eldon's health declined, Wanda travelled to the VA every day to spend time with him until her girls insisted, she take one day a week off. She chose Sunday as that day as Sunday was reserved for Wanda's commitment to follow the Lord. Her faith was very important to her, and she never missed a service until her own health declined. Singing hymns was her passion as her soprano could be heard hitting the highest of notes as she raised her voice to heaven.

Wanda had a "get up and go" attitude and didn't like to be idle. While Eldon was in the VA, she also volunteered in the clothing room there. With her sewing skills she saw a need for the men there and recycled old jeans to make them pouches for the walkers and wheelchairs to carry various odds and ends. After Eldon passed in 2016, she continued to volunteer and when COVID prohibited her service to the VA, she continued the friendship with the other volunteers she had met there and got with them monthly for a luncheon she always looked forward to.

She also met her senior class every month for lunch in Tulsa as well as the Catoosa Senior Center, where she also played games and met new people. She truly didn't know a stranger.

She loved her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. They will tell you that their "Granny" was a woman who spoke her mind and didn't sugarcoat the truth. Her primary goal was for them to serve the Lord.

As one of her grandsons reminded us, that in the early morning hours she liked to sing the Roger and Hammerstein's song from the movie "Oklahoma" titled "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning" as a wakeup call for the day. As Wanda meets Jesus, we can only imagine her still singing "Oh What a Beautiful Day!"

Wanda passed from this world on Sunday, May 18, 2025, and is preceded in death by her spouse of 65 years, Eldon D. Turner, parents, Walker Elsworth Burnett and Sallie Lee Murphy; stepfather, A.G. Murphy; siblings, J.W. Burnett, Juanita Smith and Gladys Marie Burnett; and Son in law, Carl Bradley.

She is survived by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren; Anette Bradley, Bryan and Melissa Bradley, Dustin, Scot, Jacob, Amanda; Shari and Steve Davison, Barry and Bree



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Davison, Evie, Wren, Hattie, Brittany Davison and Morgan Davison; Laketa and Tom Mitchell, Kalsy and Logan Page, MacKenzie and Jared Johnson, Gossett, Blais, Edith, Alison and Hunter Boyd, Phenphorn "Phen" Phatanabowornsakdi.



# Events


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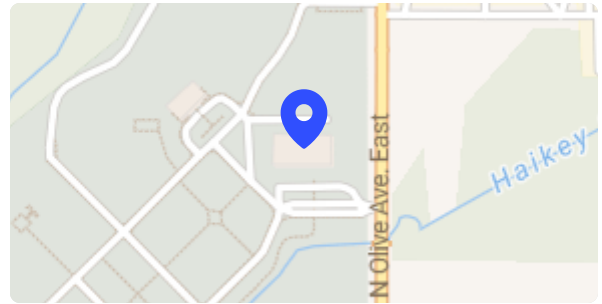
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## Visitation


 **Monday**, May 26, 2025


 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM CT


 **Floral Haven Funeral Home**  
6500 South 129th East Avenue A, Broken Arrow  
OK 74012

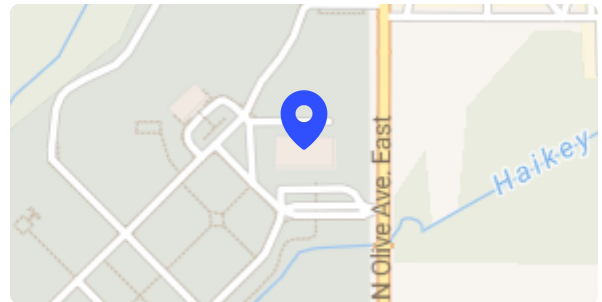


## Celebration of Life Funeral Ceremony

 **Tuesday**, May 27, 2025

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT

 **Floral Haven Funeral Home Chapel**  
6500 S 129th E Ave., Broken Arrow OK 74012





# Tribute Wall

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**Gary West** posted:

Wanda was a wonderful woman. Her and my mom were real good friends, and I always enjoyed visiting with her. She did a lot of sewing for me, making shirts and altering clothes. She made excellent peanut brittle, and always brought me a large container for Christmas. She will be greatly missed.

May 27 at 12:42 PM



**Gregg Perry** posted:

Wanda threw some of the most memorable Halloween parties, with her sister Nita as a gypsy fortune teller (complete with cheat cards) & tasty treats. The first time I watched King Kong was at Wanda's house, on Halloween, with Shari, Laketa, & Ed Smith, who convinced our mothers to let us watch ALL of the Late Show, on that festive Friday night. The Turners were a unique family but they did know how to have fun. And heaven couldn't happen to a nicer woman, now reunited with Eldon & Sister Murphy. Rest well from thy trials & thy labors. Gregg Perry (who still checks his seat before sitting down, courtesy of good old Laketa)

May 26 at 5:43 PM



**Jeannie Kaiser Orender** posted:

Mrs. Turner was a sweetheart lady. I had met Wanda years ago through her daughter Shari. Shari and I attended high school together. I really got to know Wanda better after she started coming to my beauty shop the last couple of years. We never lacked for conversation which always included a lot of laughs. Mrs. Turner was a beautiful lady and will be missed. Sending Prayers of comfort at this time for Shari and all of her family . 🙏🙏❤️❤️ Jeannie Orender

May 24 at 9:15 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Turner family.

May 24 at 7:33 AM



**Chuck, Claire And Amanda Strimbu** sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Turner family.

May 23 at 1:57 PM





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**Phenphorn Pbs** shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.



If you ask me, what is the good memory I have about my American Mother, I can give you tons. Imagine a 17-year-old girl from the other side of this globe, who knew a few things about the USA, came to live alone in a community that is totally different from where she came from, do you think she would survive? I definitely did because of the good support from my American family, especially from my mom. The first 2 months were very hard as I didn't have good English, it was hard to communicate and there she is, always by my side to help. And the longer I stayed, the more love she showed. I remember hours she sat at her sewing machine, made me clothes, even some dolls to play with, etc. May you rest with peace in God's hands, you'll be missed dearly, I love you and always will. From the bottom of my heart, Phenphorn

May 22 at 2:33 PM



**Lc Mc** posted:

I recall her as an exemplary homemaker, whose selflessness and kindness inspired me to praise her to others. Her remarkable sewing, cooking, and devotion to serving others left an indelible mark on my life. I feel blessed to have had numerous years of her guidance and wisdom, which continue to shape my values. She was a shining example of unwavering commitment, standing firmly by her husband and family. Her faith and loved ones were her utmost priorities, and she embodied the essence of unconditional love. I admire how she lovingly accepted my mom, never exhibiting jealousy, but instead, sheltering and protecting her. Her remarkable bond with her husband and family is a testament to the power of selfless love. Both my aunt and her mother, Sally, were beacons of inspiration, teaching us invaluable life lessons. We are forever grateful for the blessing of having her in our lives. Love you forever Colette

May 22 at 8:28 PM



**Ashley, Sidney & Crystal** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Turner family.



May 22 at 7:45 PM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Wanda.



May 22 at 7:33 PM



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**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Turner family.

May 22 at 7:33 PM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Wanda.

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**Anonymous** sent a Tender Tribute to the Turner family.

May 22 at 2:33 PM





# Media

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# **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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