



## Lavina “Jan” Olson

October 13, 1938 - January 29, 2019

Lavina “Jan” Olson, 80 of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma passed from this life on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at home with her husband, daughters, granddaughters and sister by her side. She was born October 13, 1938 in Horton, Kansas to her parents, Orville “Smokey” Rice and Louise “Cham” Wamego Rice. She grew up in Topeka, KS the oldest of six children. Jan was a Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation tribal member who was very proud of her Native American heritage and her Indian name was “Waonquah”. She came to Tulsa in 1957 to begin her career as a beautician after training at Chilocco Indian school. She loved doing hair and served many dear friends, clients and family during her 60 plus year career. She was married at the age of 21 in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma June 24, 1960 to her husband Don at age 25. They enjoyed numerous anniversary celebrations with her lifelong church friends at Sequoia Hills and family. As a family, she loved to travel to Hawaii, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Florida, and Acapulco. With her husband Don, she was an avid Oklahoma Sooner fan and had season tickets to OU games for fifty years. She traveled abroad with her daughters Cindy and Beth to Germany, France and England. She visited Beth in California, New York and New Jersey. She enjoyed numerous trips to Sea World, Disneyland, and other theme parks with her daughter Dawn and her granddaughters. She was a dedicated Sunday school teacher to preschoolers for more than 50 years. She participated in several past times with Bunko and Bingo groups. She is survived by her loving husband, Donald Gordon Olson of the home; three daughters, Cynthia “Cindy” Kaye Olson of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma Dawn Rene Browne of Bixby, Oklahoma and Elizabeth “Beth” Anne Olson of San Francisco, California; two sisters, Elizabeth “Liz” Bartlett of Topeka, Kansas and Sammye Jean Starkey and husband Tom of Topeka, Kansas one brother, Raymond Rice and wife Jeanie of Topeka, Kansas; two grandchildren, Whitney Collins and Fiancee Jeron Wold of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Alexandria Browne of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and several nieces, nephews, friends and extended family. She was preceded in death by her parents, Orville and Louise Rice; brother, Jeffery Rice; sister, Sylvia Rice. Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 1, 2019 at Floral Haven Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at Southwood Baptist Church with Pastor Darrin McKnight officiating. Burial will follow at Floral Haven Memorial Gardens in Broken

Arrow, Oklahoma.

# Comments

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“ So sorry to hear of her passing. She was a great Christian friend! A special lady that was friendly to everyone. We enjoyed playing cards, games & sharing time at church together. She's in Heaven!

**Loretta Gibson** - February 12, 2019 at 05:16 PM

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“ Jan was a sweet lady. She was an Aunt to me by marriage and only 3 yrs older than me, but I never got to spend enough time with her. I loved that smile of hers and know her girls and my Uncle Don will miss that. We will miss her, but know that she is peace now.

**Patsy L. Olson Skelton** - January 31, 2019 at 11:47 AM

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“ I loved Jan so much, as did my mother. She was a ray of sunshine to all. She was the most loving and giving person. I remember going to she & Don's home when it was near 41st & Riverside. I have known her almost all of my life. Heaven has a beautiful new angel??

**Ann Shannon Cassidy** - January 30, 2019 at 05:47 PM