



## Iva Annette Gates

February 8, 1938 - January 10, 2021

Iva Annette was born on February 8, 1938 in Alva, Ok to Theodore Rucker and Iva Grace (Maltbie) Rucker. Iva passed away at Share Medical Center on January 10, 2021 due to complications from double pneumonia. Due to her parents dying at a young age, she and her brother were lovingly raised by her aunt and uncle, Alvina (Maltbie) Talley and Paul Talley on a farm North of Amorita.

Iva loved playing basketball and loved to talk about when her Amorita Cardinals won the Oklahoma State Championship. After graduating from Amorita high school, Iva attended Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva, OK for one year. This is where she met the love of her life, Harold Gates. They were married on August 31, 1957 in Amorita, OK. After getting married, they moved to Wichita, KS where she attended Cosmetology school. After only 1 year in Wichita, they moved back to the Amorita area and bought the farm where they lived for 49 years before moving to Alva.

Iva loved people and worked at Virgil's (Frey Brothers Store) for many years before being appointed Postmaster in Amorita. She retired in 2012, at which point she enjoyed spending as much time as possible with family and friends. Iva was a faithful member of the Alva Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. Through her study of the Bible, she looked forward to the resurrection hope mentioned at Acts 24:15.

Iva was preceded in death by her parents, her aunt and uncle who raised her, her brother, Theron Rucker, and 2 cousins, Don Talley and Ray Talley.

Left to mourn are her husband, Harold, of the home; her 4 children, Tony (Patty) Gates of Amorita, Nancy (Kevin) Ensminger of Cherokee, Paula (Shawn) Darr of Alva, and Penny (Ken) Emmele of Amorita; grandchildren Kayla (Dusty) Mackey of Alva, Jordan Ensminger of Los Angeles, CA, Sadie Crusinbery of Alva, and Joseph (JC) Cruisinbery of Alva; and great grandchildren Cooper Mackey and Copen Mackey.

Visitation will be Wednesday at Wharton Funeral home of Alva from 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM. Graveside services will be Thursday at 1:00 PM at the Byron Amorita cemetery. Services will be streamed live on the Wharton Funeral Chapel Facebook page and also available via FM radio for those who wish to stay in their cars.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Byron-Amorita Volunteer Fire Department or Share Medical Center Foundation Nurses Fund through the Funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Byron-Amorita Cemetery

Byron-Amorita Cemetery, OK 73719

# Previous Events

## Graveside

JAN 14. 1:00 PM (CT)

Byron-Amorita Cemetery  
Byron-Amorita Cemetery, OK 73719

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wharton Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Iva Annette Gates*



Wharton Funeral Chapel - January 14, 2021 at 10:57 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Ida Gates Graveside Services*



Wharton Funeral Chapel - January 14, 2021 at 05:56 PM



*I am sorry for your loss.  
Kathy Motycka*

Kathy Motycka - January 15, 2021 at 09:18 PM



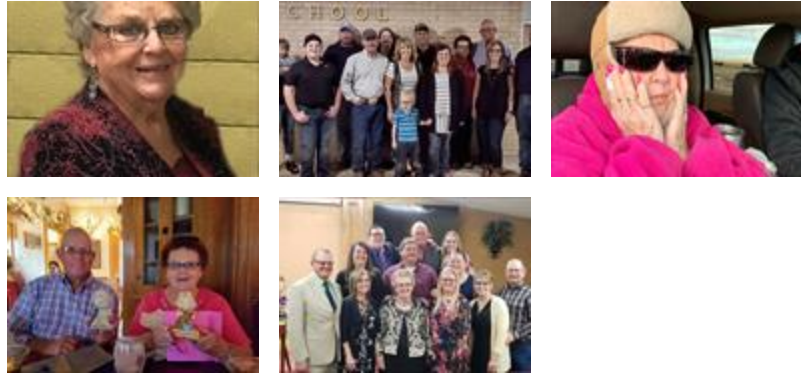
“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Iva Annette Gates.*



January 14, 2021 at 02:30 PM



“ 60 files added to the album *Ida Album*



Wharton Funeral Chapel - January 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Iva was a beautiful, warm kind and loving person. She was a great friend to our family. She will be missed. Our deepest condolences to all the Gates family.*

Serena - January 13, 2021 at 09:51 PM



“ *Gates Family so sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed talking with her. Such a sweet lady. Praying for all.*

*Annette Schwerdtfeger.*



annette schwerdtfeger - January 13, 2021 at 09:33 AM



“ *Harold and family I am so saddened by the loss of Iva. She was such a kind and loving person that will be missed by all.*

Joe Feely - January 13, 2021 at 09:05 AM

JS

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for Harold and the rest of the family.



Jim Scribner - January 12, 2021 at 09:38 PM

AC

“ My prayers go out to you all! Iva was such a dear, caring person. Every conversation seemed to start with a heartfelt "how are you, how's your mom, and how's the family"? I'm giving all of you a virtual hug right know. God Bless all of you!

Alan Clepper - January 12, 2021 at 10:43 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Iva Annette Gates.



January 12, 2021 at 10:14 AM

NC

“ Harold, Tony, Nancy, Paula, Penny and extended family. My heartfelt condolences on the loss of Iva. The Gates family was a big part of my younger years and I hold fond memories of the time spent with all of you. May God comfort you at this time of loss. Nancy "Gray" Carpenter (the other Nancy)

Nancy Carpenter - January 12, 2021 at 09:16 AM