



## Joyce Merle Oakes

July 31, 1936 - April 16, 2024

Joyce Merle, daughter of Lester James and Elsie Alice (Martin) Wells, was born on July 31, 1936 at Medicine Lodge, Kansas. She passed away on April 16, 2024, at the age of 87.

Joyce attended school in Medicine Lodge, Kansas. Joyce worked as a nurse's aide for a while and later worked in retail. Joyce moved to Alva in the early 60's and has lived in Alva since. Joyce loved life, her animals, and helping young people. She is known as GiGi to many.

Survivors include her two sisters, Pearl Conaway and her husband Glen of Medicine Lodge, Kansas, and Jean Kutz of Pratt, Kansas; one son Chester James Shelite of Alva; four daughters, Paula Oakes, Michelle Shelite, Alice Putnam and her husband Roger all of Alva, Jackie McCaskill and her husband, Dan of North Berwick, Scotland and one son-in law, Don Mahon of Alva. She is Survived by 23 grandchildren and their spouses, and 33 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren. Joyce is also survived by many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; one brother-in law; Don Kutz; one daughter Barbara Mahon; one granddaughter, Dallas Woods; and two great-grandsons, Josiah McCaskill, and Trace Baker.

Graveside services for Joyce will be at the Capron Cemetery on Monday, April 22, 2024 at 1:00 pm under the care of Wharton Funeral Home.

Memorials may be given to Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation (OMRF) for Cancer research in Oklahoma City.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 20. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wharton Funeral Chapel, LLC.  
1302 W. Oklahoma Boulevard  
Alva, OK 73717

## Visitation

APR 21. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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## Visitation

APR 22. 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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## Graveside

APR 22. 1:00 PM (CT)

Capron Cemetery  
Capron Cemetery, OK 73725

# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Wharton Funeral Chapel - April 20, 2024 at 08:25 PM



“ *Wharton Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Joyce Merle Oakes*



Wharton Funeral Chapel - April 19, 2024 at 11:52 AM

EV

*Hey Kid Heaven is a different place since you arrived !! 😭🙏🙏🙏🌹🌹*

Evelyn - April 19, 2024 at 12:48 PM

EV

*Love You, Evelyn*

Evelyn - April 19, 2024 at 02:23 PM

SO

“ *So sorry for your loss in my thoughts hugs and spoons to all!!*

Sherry Oakes - April 25, 2024 at 03:08 PM

MS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all! She was a great lady and will be missed by all.*

Michael Sterba - April 22, 2024 at 11:46 AM

BB

“ Bill and Linda Beeler. Joyce was a joy. Love and prayers to all her family.



Bill and Linda Beeler - April 20, 2024 at 04:20 PM

LO

“ Love The Medina's in Oregon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Merle Oakes.

Love The Medina's in Oregon - April 20, 2024 at 02:20 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joyce Merle Oakes.



April 20, 2024 at 02:20 AM

RS

“ Robby Swonger sent a virtual gift in memory of Joyce Merle Oakes



Robby Swonger - April 19, 2024 at 11:39 PM

RS

*Rest in Heaven, Aunt Joyce.*

**Robby Swonger** - April 19, 2024 at 11:40 PM

CG

“ *What a lovely person..I shared many happy times with her at dinner time! She was always so much fun and made me feel welcome at their table. Ross sat at her table at Beadles during the time he spent there! She will be missed. Rest in Sweet Peace, Joyce!*

**Charlene Graham** - April 19, 2024 at 12:21 PM



“ *36 files added to the album Joyce Memories Album*



**Wharton Funeral Chapel** - April 19, 2024 at 11:57 AM

JS

“ *Joyce was always friendly, wore a beautiful smile and a pleasure to visit with. She will be missed by many. Prayers of peace of comfort to the family she leaves behind.*

**Julia Schrock** - April 19, 2024 at 11:37 AM

PC

“ Pearl C. purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Joyce Merle Oakes.



Pearl C. - April 19, 2024 at 11:36 AM

KP

“ Her was a super pady...will miss her muchs...prayers for u all...Carl and Karol Parsons, Mike and Karen Outhier



Karol parsons - April 19, 2024 at 11:01 AM

PM

“ Paul &Carolyn Martin, Bill &Linda Martin purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joyce Merle Oakes.



Paul &Carolyn Martin, Bill &Linda Martin - April 19, 2024 at 10:15 AM

VS

“ May each of your hearts be warmed by special memories of one so dear to you! Sincere condolences!



Vaughna Schmidt - April 19, 2024 at 09:37 AM

JH

“ *Janita J Hofen lit a candle in memory of Joyce Merle Oakes*



Janita J Hofen - April 19, 2024 at 12:43 AM

SL

“ *I grew up in the same neighborhood as Joyce and her kids. I loved spending time in their home. Joyce was so modern to me. She used makeup and always had on perfume! She was fun, had a big smile and the best laugh! I'm thankful she and her family were a big part of my childhood ❤️ rest easy Joyce. Prayers for her big family. Thanks for the great memories! Sheila Lehr*

Sheila Lehr - April 18, 2024 at 08:42 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joyce Merle Oakes.*



April 18, 2024 at 07:36 PM

JT

“ *So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers with you and your family. ❤️🙏*

jana terrell - April 18, 2024 at 06:52 PM