



Melva Phillips

March 26, 1936 - February 5, 2024

Melva Elizabeth, was born March 26, 1936 in OKC, Oklahoma to Melva (Hadley) & Clarence Chew and passed away peacefully surrounded by her loved ones at the age of 87 on February 5, 2024.

She graduated from Central Point High School in Medford, Oregon in 1954. She then moved to Denver, Colorado where she married Kenneth Lofton in 1959 and to that union she was blessed by two children, Sandy & Jeff.

In June of 1971 she then married the love of her life, Eckley Phillips, in Las Vegas, Nevada. She was further blessed with two more children, Dennis & Diane.

In 1984 the family moved from Colorado to Cherokee, Oklahoma where she and Eckley lived until their 2003 move to Alva, Oklahoma. In August of 2023 Melva moved to Moore, Oklahoma to be closer to family.

While living in Cherokee, Oklahoma Melva worked several places and made lifelong friends eventually retiring from Alfalfa County Bank. After retirement Melva enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and many friends. She was a longtime Denver Broncos and OSU Cowboys fan and loved cardinals, squirrels and other wildlife.

Before his passing in February 2022 Melva & Eckley shared 50 years of marriage.

She is survived by her sons Jeff Lofton and wife Jeni of Claremore; Dennis Phillips and wife Liz of Owasso and daughter, Diane Orr and husband Brian of Moore. She was blessed with eight grandchildren (Brianna, Kellsie, Kodi,

Jacob, Samantha, Joshua, Caleb and Levi) and 4 great grandchildren (Nevaeh, Hunter, Liam and Kooper), with a 5th great grandchild expected in July 2024. She is also survived by one sister Linda Link of Cherokee, Oklahoma; one sister-in-law, JoAnn Gooch of Stillwater, Oklahoma and many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents Melva & K.G. Braley; sisters Grace Gannon, Evalyn Girty, her twin sister Belva Carter, her husband Eckley Phillips and her daughter Sandy Lofton Winkler.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Alva Bible Baptist Church.

Cemetery Details

Cherokee Municipal Cemetery

Cherokee Municipal Cemetery, OK 73728

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 12. 1:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Wharton Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Melva Phillips*



Wharton Funeral Chapel - February 11, 2024 at 11:52 AM

GC

“ *Melva was one of the sweetest ladies I ever knew. She was so sweet and kind and her smile lit up the room! She was such a good role model. She was a blessing.*

Gail Caywood - February 13, 2024 at 02:07 PM

TK

“ *Todd, Kerri, & Kids purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Melva Phillips.*



Todd, Kerri, & Kids - February 10, 2024 at 01:10 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melva Phillips.*



February 10, 2024 at 12:30 PM

EM

“ *RIP Beautiful Lady!!! I ssssooo enjoyed working with you at the bank in Cherokee, Oklahoma and the many years we were friends on Facebook!!!*

Elizabeth Meyer - February 10, 2024 at 10:40 AM

NB

“ *Nancy Brown lit a candle in memory of Melva Phillips*



Nancy Brown - February 09, 2024 at 11:40 PM

TF

“ *The Snap Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Melva Phillips.*



The Snap Family - February 09, 2024 at 07:58 PM

NM

“ *Melva was a great neighbor to have. Mom and her had many conversations throughout the years. My condolences to all her family. She will be missed by many!!*

Nick McGuire



Nick McGuire - February 09, 2024 at 05:39 PM

LH

“ *Lora Harper sent a virtual gift in memory of Melva Phillips*



Lora Harper - February 09, 2024 at 01:21 PM

TL

“ *In loving memory of your Mom. Love, Tamara*



Tamara Lilly - February 09, 2024 at 12:36 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Melva Phillips.*



February 09, 2024 at 12:18 PM

RA

“ *Renae Acker lit a candle in memory of Melva Phillips*



Renae Acker - February 09, 2024 at 12:03 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Melva Phillips.



February 09, 2024 at 11:40 AM



“ Machado Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melva Phillips.

Machado Family - February 09, 2024 at 11:40 AM



“ Rick & Christie Kornele lit a candle in memory of Melva Phillips



Rick & Christie Kornele - February 09, 2024 at 11:37 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Melva Phillips.



February 09, 2024 at 11:11 AM

DW

“ Don & Sheryl Witten planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melva Phillips.

Don & Sheryl Witten - February 09, 2024 at 11:11 AM

MP

“ Melissa & James Patterson purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Melva Phillips.



Melissa & James Patterson - February 08, 2024 at 05:53 PM

KS

“ Kelly & Julia Schrock lit a candle in memory of Melva Phillips



Kelly & Julia Schrock - February 07, 2024 at 02:17 PM

KS

“ What a beautiful smile Melva had and what a classy lady she was. She left her family with many wonderful memories. Lifting them in prayers of comfort and strength.

Kelly & Julia Schrock - February 07, 2024 at 02:17 PM

DO

Thank you for the kind words and thoughtfulness.

Diane Orr - February 08, 2024 at 03:52 PM



“ *Prayers to the Family. Keith & Ava Purcell.*

Keith & Ava Purcell - February 06, 2024 at 07:08 PM