



Billie Y. Sanders

December 25, 1922 - October 6, 2020

Billie Y. Sanders, age 97, of Grove, OK passed peacefully from this earth on Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

Billie was born on December 25, 1922, to Ross and Mabel (Jackson) Carey in Grove, OK, where she grew up and graduated from high school. She later attended Northeastern Oklahoma A & M College.

A lifelong resident of Grove, Billie saw countless transformations over her lifetime. Her ancestors established the Carey Ferry in 1840, which was located on the east side of Grand River about 4 miles from Grove. Later, a toll bridge was built over the river and the ferry was no longer used.

Billie was also one of the few people to witness Sailboat Bridge being built twice in one lifetime. The vast amount of historical information that she acquired over her lifetime could fill a book, and actually did in part, as Billie wrote and locally published a book named "Winds of Carey Bay", containing stories and poems about her life.

Billie was an active member of Dodge Baptist Church while her health permitted. She was quiet and loving, a devoted mother and grandmother to her family, and a friend to all who met her.

Billie was preceded in death by her husband Haley Sanders, brothers, Jim Carey and Doris Carey, sister Nadine Vice and baby sister Mildred Carey and granddaughter Vida Sanders Howard.

She is survived by her children, Larry Sanders (Darlene) of Grove, Lenora Lewis (Steve) of Port Charles, Florida, and Brent Sanders of Grove; brother,

Joe Carey of Grove; 7 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and 7 great great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

The family requests that donations be made to Gideon's International in Billie's memory. <https://www.gideons.org/>

There will be a closed casket visitation from 5 – 7 pm on Thursday, October 8, and funeral Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, October 9, 2020, both at Nichols-Stephens Funeral Service. Burial will follow at Buzzard Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Buzzard Cemetery

Grove, OK 74344

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Nichols-Stephens Funeral and Cremation Service
10201 U.S. Highway 59
Grove, OK 74344
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Tribute Wall



“ *Billie Y. Sanders*

October 04, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ *Precious memories how they linger! Such fond memories of Billie and Haley and family! Wonderful folks. Haley drive the school bus for years. Sweet neighbors and friend! Love and prayers for Larry, Brent, and Lenore and their families!* 🙏❤️🙏❤️

Linda Harding Thompson - October 08, 2020 at 10:56 PM



“ *May the love, prayers and support of your family and friends bring you comfort .*
❤️🙏 *Jimmy & Molly Sanders*



Molly Sanders - October 08, 2020 at 06:59 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers to Billie's family and friends.*



Randy Sanders - October 08, 2020 at 06:17 PM

LW

“ *Billie was such a sweet lady. I knew her when I went to high school in Grove and she worked in the kitchen.*

Linda Wilson - October 08, 2020 at 09:17 AM

PC

“ *Penny Clem lit a candle in memory of Billie Y. Sanders*



Penny Clem - October 07, 2020 at 10:24 PM

PC

Sending prayers of comfort to the family during this difficult time.

Penny Clem - October 07, 2020 at 10:25 PM

LN

“ *Billie use yo take care of Marc and Brian when they were little boys. She and Hailey were two of the finest people I've ever met. Billie had the sweetest spirit...always so loving and sweet. There simply isn't people like Billie and Hailey Sanders. It was an honor and a pleasure to have known them both.*

Lynda Nichols - October 07, 2020 at 10:06 PM

LV

Remembering my Aunt Bill, her great cooking, and the fun times I had at her home when visiting family in Grove. Our prayers are with cousins Larry, Lenore and Brent and their families at this sad time. Frank and Candace Vice

Lonnie Vice - October 08, 2020 at 10:08 AM