



Thelma "Oneeta" Berry

October 20, 1926 - December 29, 2023

Thelma Oneeta (Manning) Berry was born on October 20, 1926 to Oscar and Nancy Belle Youngs and passed away on December 29, 2023 at the age of 97. Oneeta was married to Walter Manning from January 29, 1948 until his death on March 15, 2005. She was then married to Joe Berry from April 7, 2007 (a classmate from Grove High School) until his death on March 19, 2016. Afterward, Oneeta continued her close friendship with another classmate from high school, Tom Whitty. She and Tom both frequently joked they would marry once they turned 100. Walter, Joe, and Tom were World War II veterans.

Oneeta was also preceded in death by her sisters Velma Youngs and Wanda Hendren, along with her brother Jack Youngs. She is survived by her sister JoAnn Buckett, three sons Gary Manning, Galen Manning, and David Manning along with nine grandchildren and twenty-two great grandchildren. Oneeta had worked as a banker in Southwest City and later in Grove OK, eventually obtaining the title of Senior Vice President prior to retirement.

There will be a memorial service at the Nichols-Stephens Funeral Home on Saturday, January 6th, 2024, at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Christian Medical Clinic of Grove, OK.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

Nichols-Stephens Funeral and Cremation Service
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Tribute Wall



“ Nichols Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Thelma "Oneeta" Berry



Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services - January 04, 2024 at 05:26 PM

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“ My father, Cecil Caudill, said Oneeta was the smartest girl in school, and Tom Witty was the smartest guy. Both were his dear friends. Oneeta will be missed by many.

Carol Savage - January 05, 2024 at 11:24 AM

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Oneeta was one of the sweetest neighbors we've ever had. Her banana bread she shared with us on numerous occasions was delicious! We will never eat banana bread again that we don't think of Oneeta. We will surely miss her and her kindness.

John & Billiekay Sawyer - January 05, 2024 at 01:15 PM

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“ Oneeta was one of the best friends I have ever had, aside from being my "boss" in the beginning of my banking career, she was always the same! No matter what her responsibilities she was always finding laughter and love!
I truly believe and know she has been a blessing to everyone! So glad she had the full and great life she deserved!

Barbara Roberts - January 04, 2024 at 06:13 AM