



## Velma "Vel" Jean Wiltfong

October 2, 1945 - January 13, 2023

Velma "Vel" J. Wiltfong, age 77, of Bernice, Ok passed away on Friday, January 13, 2023 in Grove.

Vel was born on October 2, 1945, to Doc and Dorothy (Ash) Watley, in Visalia, CA.

As a child, her family moved to Oklahoma and she graduated from Stigler High School. She went on to pursue a nursing degree at Rogers State University.

Vel worked as a traveling psychiatric nurse in many different places including the prison in Raleigh, North Carolina.

On May 28, 1994, Vel married the love of her life, David Wiltfong, in Independence, Kansas. The couple made their home in Cherryvale, Ks.

In 2002, the couple moved to Bernice and Vel began working as a psychiatric nurse at the Forensics Center in Vinita, where she worked for several years.

Embroidery, yard selling and thrifting were a few of the things that Vel enjoyed.

She was a kind and giving person, making a make shift thrift store at her home that blessed many people in need, as she gave most of it away for free.

Vel attended the First Christian Church in Afton, Ok.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers: Dale Watley, Orlin Watley and Norman Watley and sisters: Joyce Eubanks and Shirley Gault and one son, Steven Dowler.

Left to cherish Velma's memory, husband of 27 years, David Wiltfong; sons: Robert Dowler (Jene') of Jenks, Ok and Gary Dowler of Bernice, Ok; brother,

Jerry Watley (Becky) of Cassville, Mo; sister, Melva Tremain (Ron) of Sterling, Ks and 4 grandchildren.

A visitation will be from 5-7pm Tuesday, January 17 and funeral services will be at 11am Wednesday, January 18, 2023, both at Nichols Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Nichols-Stephens Funeral and Cremation Service  
10201 U.S. Highway 59  
Grove, OK 74344  
(918) 786-6761  
nicholsfunerals@yahoo.com

## Funeral Service

JAN 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

Nichols-Stephens Funeral and Cremation Service  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Velma "Vel" Jean Wiltfong*

October 04, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ *We were so sorry to hear of Vel's passing. The whole family is in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

*—Bill, Sue, and Cassie Tritthart*

**Cassie Tritthart** - January 19, 2023 at 11:43 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Velma "Vel" Jean Wiltfong.*



January 17, 2023 at 06:23 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Velma "Vel" Jean Wiltfong.*



January 16, 2023 at 03:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Velma "Vel" Jean Wiltfong.*



January 16, 2023 at 02:20 PM



“ *Wiltfong Cousins and Patsy & Jim purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Velma "Vel" Jean Wiltfong.*



**Wiltfong Cousins and Patsy & Jim** - January 16, 2023 at 01:54 PM



“ *She was a wonderful friend and I loved dearly. RIP from Norma Graves*

**Judy R Gerstenkorn** - January 16, 2023 at 01:21 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Velma "Vel" Jean Wiltfong.*



January 16, 2023 at 11:59 AM

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“ *Dolores Watley and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Velma "Vel" Jean Wiltfong.*



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**Dolores Watley and Family** - January 15, 2023 at 09:01 PM