



Vestena "Foxye" M. Emerson

October 26, 1937 - February 15, 2026

Vestena M. "Foxye" Emerson passed away on February 15, 2026, at the age of 88 at her home in Grove, Oklahoma. Born on October 26, 1937, to Bert and Iola "Bill" Waldon, in rural Ottawa County, Oklahoma, she was a cherished member of the Grove community and a proud elder of the Seneca Cayuga and Chickasaw nations.

Foxye graduated from Grove High School in 1955 and went on to study at Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kansas. Her love for gardening and flowers blossomed into a successful career as she founded and operated "Flowers by Foxye". Her passion also extended to the golfing world, where she worked at the pro-shop of Cherokee Grove Golf Course.

On October 12, 1957, Foxye married John Emerson in Stevenson, WA and the couple made their home in Hood River, Oregon. He preceded her in death in 1986 and in 1995 Foxye returned to Grove.

A determined and caring individual, Foxye was often described as a mother to many. Her involvement with children extended beyond her family; she was deeply engaged in cultural activities, including tribal dancing and ceremonies, which highlighted her pride in her Native American heritage.

Foxye was a long-standing member of the First Christian Church in Grove, where she found spiritual solace and community. Her life was a testament to her love for her culture, her community, and nature.

She leaves behind a legacy of kindness, resilience, and unwavering dedication to her family and multiple communities. Foxye will be deeply missed

by all who knew her and will be remembered for her vibrant spirit and generous heart.

Foxie is preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Harold Smith and Tommy Waldon and husband, John Emerson.

Left to cherish her memory, daughter, Sharon Ceneta (Manuel) of Silver Spring, MD, and Michael Emerson (Cheyenne) of Glenwood, WA, 3 grandchildren, Danielle Ceneta, Dakota Ceneta and Brooklyn Emerson, and one great grandbaby on the way.

Funeral services will be at 2pm Tuesday, February 16, 2026, at the Seneca Cayuga Community Building followed by burial at Council House Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

COUNCIL HOUSE CEMETERY

E 230 Road
WYANDOTTE, OK 74370

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

Seneca Cayuga Community Building
Wyandotte, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vestena "Foxie" M. Emerson.*



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“ *Foxie made sure my late husband and I got together. After 3 children, 9 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, she certainly contributed to my life and happiness in so many ways. THANK YOU FOXIE!! REST IN PEACE*

Darlene Fisher Barnett - February 16 at 03:20 PM



Spent many a day with Foxie on the golf course. A great person and a good golfer. Will be missed by many. Wayne and Mary Kay Wiley

Mary Kay Wiley - February 20 at 04:21 PM