



Zella Marie Tapp

July 17, 1946 - April 23, 2025

Zella Marie Tapp, age 78, of Grove, Oklahoma, passed away on April 23, 2025 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Born on July 17, 1946 in Grove, Oklahoma to Doris and Juanita Carey, she was a devoted and loving individual known for her enthusiasm and dedication to her family.

Zella graduated from Grove High School with the Ridgerunner class of 1964. She married Ace Tapp on June 21, 1968 in Miami, Oklahoma and made their home in Grove until 1989 when they moved their family to Oklahoma City. She built a respected career as the vault manager at Home Depot in Oklahoma City, where she was responsible for overseeing all monetary transactions. The family moved back to Grove in 2015 where Zella continued to enjoy family and friends where she had grown up. She was recognized for her diligent work ethic and was a true go-getter and a lover of life.

Beyond her professional life, Zella was a cherished member of Jay First Assembly. She enjoyed morning walks, reading, tending to her house plants, and cherished any moment she had with former classmates, friends and family. She frequently visited the Seneca-Cayuga Tribal Center for lunch with her sister Ynema and Uncle Joe Carey, sharing moments of joy and companionship.

Zella was a proud and loving mother who never missed any of her children's events, always supporting them with pride and love.

She is survived by her husband Ace Tapp; son, Keith Tapp and daughter Carrie Tapp, 2 grandchildren, Dakota Tapp and BreAnn Baylee and sister

Ynema Rutherford Carey. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Sequoyah Carey. She will be greatly missed.

Services for Zella will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 11:00 am at Jay First Assembly, 908 N Main St., Jay, OK 74346.

Arrangements are entrusted to Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services, Grove, Oklahoma.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

Jay First Assembly of God
908 N. Main St
Jay, OK 74346