



## Barbara Lea Epperson

July 16, 1931 - May 15, 2023

Barbara Lea Epperson was born on Thursday, July 16, 1931 in Neosho, Missouri, the daughter of Harvey F. and Vera (Stein) Branham. She passed this life at University Village Skilled Nursing in Tulsa on Monday, May 15, 2023. She was 91 years of age.

The former Miss Barbara Lea Branham was a 1949 graduate of Neosho, Missouri high school. She received a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. She was married to Robert A. Epperson on March 26, 1950 in Bentonville, Arkansas. Barbara was a Kindergarten teacher for Broken Arrow Public schools, having taught at Oakcrest and Haskell Elementary schools. She also taught pre-school at 1st Baptist Church in Coweta. Barbara enjoyed painting, Thai Chi, horseback riding, water skiing and going to the lake. Her greatest joy came from spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. Barbara was a visitation volunteer and sang in the choir at First Baptist Church in Broken Arrow.

She is survived by,

Her husband, Robert A. Epperson, of the home

Daughter, Barbara and husband Richard Clymer, Stella, MO

Son, Jim and wife Abbie Epperson, Sand Springs, OK

Grandchildren, Anthony and Stephanie, Nathan and Denna, Levi and Rebecca, Amanda and Matthew, Alaina and Zach

Great Grandchildren, Elijah, Lilly, Chris, Hannah, Presley, Michael, Thomas, Andrew, Micah, Caleb, Levi, Cameron, Tyler, Gunner, Fredo

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harvey and Vera.

# Cemetery Details

## IOOF Cemetery

South Freeman Road  
Neosho, OK 64850

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAY 17. 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home  
1660 South Elm Place  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
(918) 258-9623  
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Visitation

MAY 17. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home  
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## Graveside Service

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MAY 19. 1:00 PM (CT)

IOOF Cemetery  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Lea Epperson*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *Uncle Robert, and family, our prayers and sympathy are with you. May the love of God, of family and friends comfort you this week and in the weeks to come.*  
*Kevin & Kristin Epperson*

**Kevin Epperson** - May 23, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Ms. Barbara is such a sweet lady. I remember her many years of visiting shut-ins with Ms. Ruth. I new it was Tuesday when I would come into the office because they were both there getting ready to start their day. Ms. Barbara would visit around 22 every Tuesday with Ms Ruth. Ms. Barbara loved people and I know that she brightened their day whenever she stopped by. I have fond memories of her pleasant smile and kind words. Bob, you will be in my prayers in the days to come. God Bless, Bryan Church*

**Bryan Church** - May 16, 2023 at 09:31 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Lea Epperson.*



May 16, 2023 at 08:01 PM

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“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Epperson family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Barbara.*



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**Hayhurst Funeral Home Hayhurst** - May 15, 2023 at 08:31 AM