



## Constance "Connie" Smedley

June 29, 1937 - March 7, 2024

Constance Smedley was born on June 29, 1937 in Dodge City, Kansas. She was the daughter of Gordon Dean Van Blaricum DDS and Elsie Roberts Van Blaricum of Minneola, Kansas. She passed away on March 7, 2024 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She was 86 years old.

Connie graduated high school from Saint Mary of the Plains in Dodge City, Kansas. She further pursued her education and graduated with a degree from Wichita State University in Wichita, Kansas. She worked as an early education teacher in her early years. After relocating to the Tulsa area, she worked in the newspaper and radio advertising industry. She eventually retired from the Tulsa World Newspaper.

Connie was very involved with her community and church by helping in the kitchen with dinners, special events and going on missions trips. She adored singing in the choir and being part of special holidays. She was also fond of traveling. She enjoyed trips to Europe, Alaska, and especially to her family cabin in Colorado. Sewing, quilting and working in her garden, especially tending to her tomatoes were some of her favorite hobbies.

Connie's biggest treasures were her family and friends. She enjoyed her yearly trips with her kids and spending time with those that meant the most to

her. Also, she was known for loving pretty things and always made sure that her outfits and jewelry matched.

She will be missed by so many, but especially her family who loved her dearly.

Connie is preceded in death by: Parents Gordon Dean Van Blaricum DDS, and Elsie Roberts Van Blaricum, Husband Ray Smedley and brother Johnny Van Blaricum DDS.

Connie is survived by her Children:

Susan Avis of Broken Arrow, Darcy Ashton and Greg of Oklahoma City, Nancy Nickel and Chris of Broken Arrow, Steve Henrichs and LaVonda of Broken Arrow.

Grandchildren:

Alicia Warma, Alysson Lancaster, Andrea Oktay, Clarissa Sullivan, Christopher Ashton, Amberlynn Neuendorf, Stanley Neuendorf, Johnathan Henrichs, Mel Henrichs, Joey Henrichs, Braylee Venable.

Great Grandchildren:

Mallory, Morgan, Nolan, Brylee, Zaden, Lilly, Taylen, Addilyn, Josslyn, Madison, Bailey, Logan, Oliver Dean.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to St. Stephen's United Methodist Church in Broken Arrow.

<http://ssumcba.org/>

918-455-4202

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Stephens United Methodist Church  
400 W. New Orleans  
Broken Arrow, OK 74011

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Pictorial Video Tribute



Hayhurst Funeral Home - March 11, 2024 at 01:21 PM

BH

*Sad news--my heart goes out to the children.*

Bev Harvey-Harding - March 13, 2024 at 09:31 AM

RL

“ My friendly God-sent neighbor 🙏🙏🙏



R. Lilley - March 10, 2024 at 04:18 PM

LB

“ Many of us at Cedar Ridge Christian Church worked alongside of Connie in the Kitchen for many Wednesday night dinners and church dinners in our history. She was a vital part of hospitality service in our church family and out. We loved her, her beautiful smile and positive attitude. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!" Rev. 14:13 Your sisters at Cedar Ridge.

Lois Breedlove - March 10, 2024 at 04:16 PM

KA

“ I loved Connie and I am so sorry for the loss you are each feeling. I met her thru Ray and she was always the kindest soul to me. I'll never forget her voice and her sense of joy. God Bless, Kevin Alfultis, St. Louis

Kevin Alfultis - March 09, 2024 at 04:43 AM

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Amberlyn - March 08, 2024 at 09:19 PM

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Amberlyn - March 08, 2024 at 08:46 PM

TW

“ The Westins purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Constance "Connie" Smedley.



The Westins - March 08, 2024 at 02:39 PM

TW

“ The Westins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Constance "Connie" Smedley.

The Westins - March 08, 2024 at 02:39 PM

CC

“ Cathleen C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Constance "Connie" Smedley.

Cathleen C. - March 08, 2024 at 02:32 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Constance "Connie" Smedley.



March 08, 2024 at 02:32 PM

LB

“ I got acquainted with Connie many years ago while employed at a local downtown bank and she was employed with the Tulsa Tribune newspaper in the advertising department. She was always courteous, professional and so pleasant. I'm fairly sure I saw her in the last 18 months at a local bunco fundraising event and such a pleasant reunion. A very nice lady who is missed.

Lynnell Hugo Bradfield - March 08, 2024 at 10:33 AM

JW

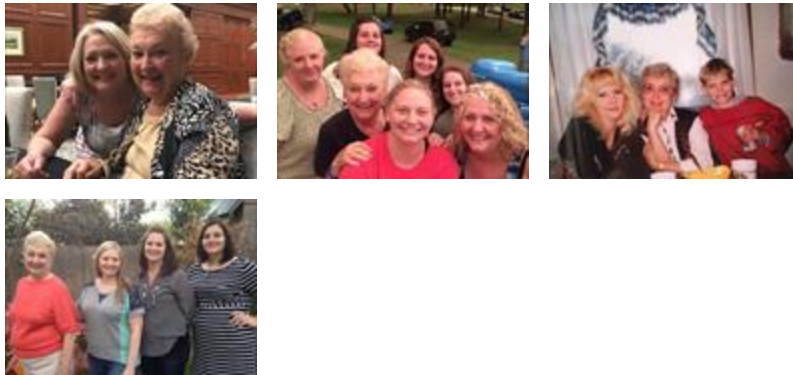
“ Jean Westin purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Constance "Connie" Smedley.



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**Jean Westin** - March 08, 2024 at 08:40 AM



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**Hayhurst Funeral Home** - March 07, 2024 at 01:02 PM

HH

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



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**Hayhurst Funeral Home** - March 07, 2024 at 10:16 AM

EC

*She was my best friend ever when she lived in Shawnee, Kansas. Every day was crazy but she was able to handle everything, even a jammed garbage disposal that turned the television antenna on the roof. We put our kids in the backseat and cruised the entire Kansas City, looking at stuff. I thought she would live forever. Elizabeth Cook*

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**Elizabeth Cook** - August 16, 2024 at 10:40 PM