



## Darlene Burns

August 30, 1934 - June 17, 2022

Darlene (Russell) Burns was born in Shattuck, Oklahoma on Thursday, August 30, 1934, to Kenneth W. Russell and Dorothy (Gibson) Russell. She passed from this life to her eternal home in heaven on Friday, June 17, 2022, in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the age of 87.

Darlene was the oldest and only girl with two younger brothers born to the Russell family. Her father was a farmer and mechanic, and her mother stayed at home to be a full-time homemaker. Darlene's family later moved to Tulsa where she graduated from Tulsa Will Rogers High School in 1952. At the age of 15, she met the love of her life, Bob G. Burns. The two married on May 8, 1953, in Oceanside, California. She eventually gave birth to a daughter and two sons.

During her childhood, Darlene was introduced to her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She gave her heart to Him and was blessed to see all her family accept Christ. Darlene spent many years investing in her children and creating a loving home. She also worked several years as an administrative assistant at Arrow Heights Baptist Church in Broken Arrow. Following that, she and Bob owned Bob Burns Realty, where she managed the office's financial and clerical needs.

She loved to read, travel with family, go camping and water skiing, and play dominoes with friends.

Darlene's family described her as classy, sweet, gracious, self-disciplined, a bit feisty and spunky, always stylish, and a phenomenal cook. Her nails and hair were always fixed perfectly. She was self-sacrificing and had a "can-do" attitude. Even in her final days at Porta Caeli Hospice House she asked a visitor, "Can I do anything for you?" At nighttime, she was always faithful to have her quiet time and loved reading the daily Guidepost devotional booklet. Darlene was a long-time member at First Baptist Church of Broken Arrow. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Left to cherish her memory are son, Rod Burns of Park Hill, and daughter, Sheryl Ree of Broken Arrow. daughter-in-law of Broken Arrow, Kristie Burns  
10 Grandchildren: Justin (Bethany), Faith (Brian), Sarah (J.J.), Rachel (Adam), Olivia (Chris), Rebekah (Ryan), Nathanael (Carly), Mary (Zach), Isaiah, and Gracie.

10 Great-Grandchildren: Amelia, Ava, Corban, Luke, Saylor, Romy, Margot, Lincoln, Emmitt, and Kinsley

Brothers: Kenneth Eldon Russell (Sherry) of Leon, Texas

Galen Russell (Jean) of Lyman, South Carolina

Nieces: April Bentley (Corry) and Debbie Kearse (Alan)

Nephew: Brad Russell (Nicole)

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Bob, and son, David.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Rd.  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434  
(918) 478-2334

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUN **30**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

JUN **30**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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1660 South Elm Place  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
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## Funeral Service

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JUL 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home  
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## Graveside Service

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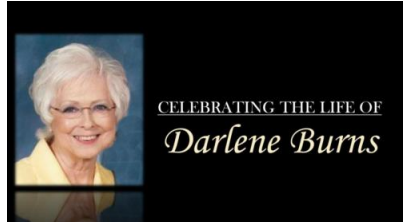
JUL 1. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hayhurst Funeral Home created a Funeral Service in memory of Darlene Burns



Hayhurst Funeral Home - June 20, 2022 at 10:37 AM



“ Darlene Burns

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Video Tribute



Hayhurst Funeral Home - July 01, 2022 at 04:55 PM



“ Queen Bees, Brenna, Sally, Angela & Amy purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Darlene Burns.



Queen Bees, Brenna, Sally, Angela & Amy - June 27, 2022 at 10:11 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darlene Burns.*



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June 27, 2022 at 04:48 PM



“ *My most sincere sympathy for the loss of such a lovely mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother! I loved going to Darlene's home to celebrate so many happy occasions! She was such a gracious hostess! We have been so fortunate to know her and we will miss her dearly!*

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**Kathy Seymour** - June 25, 2022 at 05:13 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darlene Burns.*



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June 22, 2022 at 11:24 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Darlene Burns.*



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June 19, 2022 at 10:59 PM



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



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**Hayhurst Funeral Home** - June 17, 2022 at 02:54 PM