



Nema Janeway

May 10, 1922 - August 23, 2024

Nema Janeway was born on May 10, 1922 in Bower, Oklahoma to parents Willie Lee Janeway and Melvina Janeway (Dehart). She passed away on August 23, 2024 at 102 years of age.

In her youth, Nema attended Stigler High School, where she graduated in 1940. After high school, she moved to Muskogee and attended cosmetology school. She joined the Woman's Army Corp during WWII as a medical nurse assistant. After returning home, she went to Business school and took a position in Tulsa with Civil Service. Between the years of 1951 to 1953, she transferred to French Morocco, Algeria and Istanbul, Turkey. Upon returning to Tulsa, she then took another opportunity to work at the Pentagon in Washington D.C, and she went on to take a position with the Under Secretary of the Department of Commerce, Washington D.C., where she stayed until her retirement in 1973-74.

She experienced many milestones during her service in Washington D.C., including the JFK assassination and funeral in 1963, May Day Protests against the Vietnam War in 1971.

After retirement, she volunteered at Gateway Foundation in Broken Arrow and was honored with Beta Sigma Phi's Woman of the Year in 1980, devoting over 14,000 hours in their Thrift Shop.

Nema continued traveling after retirement and visited the Holy Land in the Middle East three times. She was was active in her church, New Home Free Will Baptist Church in Coweta, where she taught Sunday school for over 25

years and Vacation Bible School for many years as well.

Nema treasured her family and was very proud of her nieces, nephew, great nieces and nephews, great-great nieces and nephews, and great-great-great nieces and nephews. She will be dearly missed by those who were blessed to have her as a part of their lives.

She is survived by her nieces: Cheryl Jane Reehling, Nema Helen Dobbins, Patricia O'Brien, Alicia Atherton, and Elizabeth Brown; nephew David Janeway; and numerous great, great-great, and great-great-great nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents Willie and Melvina Janeway; brother, Eugene Janeway; and sister, Lena (Janeway) Reehling.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Clarehouse in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG **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

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

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Northeastern Oklahoma Nurses Honors

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Graveside Service

AUG 31. 10:00 AM (CT)

Enterprise Cemetery
West County Road 1240
Stigler, OK 74462

Tribute Wall

CR

“ Will certainly miss visiting you and sharing old, and not so old memories with you. Your memory of family was always so amazing. I'm bringing roses 🌹 to you tomorrow, with all my love.

Cheryl Jane Reehling - August 30, 2024 at 04:11 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Nema Janeway.



August 27, 2024 at 05:08 PM

PC

“ Phil and Carole Carter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nema Janeway.

Phil and Carole Carter - August 27, 2024 at 05:08 PM

PC

“ Our sweet Nema, What a huge blessing you were to our church family. You influenced so many of our children's lives, and you still hold a very special place in their hearts. You were a wonderful christian example to all of us. Honoring your family's request, a donation to Clare House in Tulsa has been made in your memory. We miss you already.
Your New Home FWB Church Family

Patti Cypert - August 27, 2024 at 04:32 PM

AF

Nema, you were such a blessing to me in my most crucial time in my life. I learned so many things from you in Sunday School growing up. I remember being so excited to move up into your class! You were a "mom" to us all, and you will always be remembered for how sweet, humble, and loyal you were to not only the church, but to Jesus. Last year I was able to attend your Birthday and to honor you as a veteran and hearing your stories about your service meant so much to me and so many others. You will always be cherished, loved, and missed. Thank you for all you have done for me and so many others.

Love, Ashley Fitzsimmons

Ashley Fitzsimmons - August 27, 2024 at 04:43 PM

TP

Nema you will be missed! So thankful for your Christian example! You touched so many lives and always showed them Jesus! Praying for the family for your loss! But oh what a time they are having in Heaven! Love you Nema! And love and hugs to all the family! David and Tammy Polin

tammy Poplin - August 27, 2024 at 04:44 PM

AM

When I was young I felt the call of Jesus on my life to accept Him as my savior. I recognized the call and knew the steps of salvation because of you. You were always so strong, faithful and loving and dedicated so many years to teaching children about Jesus. I am a pastors wife now and a Mother's Day doesn't go by that I don't speak of you to our congregation - I was proud to know you and thankful god had you in my life. We will miss you - but what a celebration in heaven - Amy Beller

amy - August 27, 2024 at 05:44 PM

JC

Nema you were a wonderful Sister-in-Christ to me! I cherish the many talks we had. You taught our grandchildren & our youngest daughter accepted Jesus in your class! Until we meet again love!

Joyce Cypert - August 27, 2024 at 09:53 PM

AS

“ Nema was the most wonderful woman u will ever meet. Always had a great attitude and always looked at the positive. I'm sure she touched so many lives and that's why the lord kept her around! She was such a joy and im blessed to have known her!

annetta self - August 26, 2024 at 10:21 AM

KM

“ Thinking of the family



kathy harp meadows - August 25, 2024 at 11:17 AM

CS

“ CHARLOTTE SMITH lit a candle in memory of Nema Janeway



CHARLOTTE SMITH - August 23, 2024 at 04:46 PM

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PRAYERS FOR YOU IN THIS TME OF LOSS CHERISH YOUR MEMORIES. NEMA WAS A TRUE FRIEND.

CHARLOTTE SMITH - August 23, 2024 at 04:49 PM