



Thelma Rutherford

July 4, 1935 - February 9, 2026

Thelma Lois Rutherford was born in Vinita, Oklahoma, on Thursday, July 4, 1935, the daughter of Glen and Della (Montgomery) Nading. She passed this life on Monday, February 9, 2026, at the age of 90.

Thelma graduated from Vinita High School in Vinita, Oklahoma, with the class of 1954. The former Miss Thelma Lois Nading was married to Randall Forrest Rutherford, Sr. on August 8, 1954, in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Together they had two children.

Thelma was primarily a homemaker and worked alongside Forrest at Felt's Family Shoe Store, where he was a managing partner. From 1954 to 1995, Forrest and Thelma operated the Felt's Family Shoe Store on Main Street in Broken Arrow. The couple began and built their family in Broken Arrow and were key figures in the community. They were active in civic organizations, such as the Jaycees, and supported the community, especially on Friday nights in the fall at Broken Arrow High School football games. Thelma and Forrest were committed Tigers fans and held season tickets for over 50 years.

Outside of Broken Arrow, Thelma enjoyed annual fishing trips with Forrest to Canada, and together they frequented more local fishing spots in northwest Arkansas. She and Forrest explored many destinations across the United States over their 65 years of life together.

Known affectionately as Nana, Thelma's greatest joy came from spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren, who she was always prepared to brag on. She had the privilege of knowing her great-grandchildren.

Thelma was a member of Arrow Heights Baptist Church. The family requests memorials to Arrow Heights Baptist Church, 3201 South Elm Place, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 74012

Thelma is survived by,

Children, Randy Rutherford and wife Kim, Broken Arrow, OK
Rusty Rutherford and wife Jeanien, Broken Arrow, OK

Grandchildren, Jeff and Amanda Rutherford, Justin and Kasey Rutherford,
Lauren and Sam Miers, Jillian and Scott Bell

Great Grandchildren, Kendall, Evelyn, Evan, Lottie, Walter, and Ila

Sister Wilma Blackford and husband, Terry
Brother Don Nading and wife, Sharon

Thelma was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Forrest, and her brother James.

The family requests memorials to:

Arrow Heights Baptist Church
3201 South Elm Place

Broken Arrow, OK 74012

Cemetery Details

Fort Gibson National Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 16. 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

FEB 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
1660 South Elm Place
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Funeral Service

FEB 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

Arrow Heights Baptist Church
3201 S. Elm Place
Broken Arrow, OK 74012

Graveside Service

FEB 17. 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BH

“ *Thelma was the most beautiful person inside and out. I loved getting to know her over the past 8 years. Getting to do her hair every 3 weeks was a blessing. She loved her family, kids, grandkids and great grand kids so very much!*

becky hughes - March 16 at 04:07 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Pictorial Video Tribute*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - February 16 at 11:28 AM

KC

“ *Kevin & Candace. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thelma Rutherford.*

Kevin & Candace. - February 13 at 04:56 PM

KC

“ *Kevin & Candace. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thelma Rutherford.*



Kevin & Candace. - February 13 at 04:56 PM

AJ

“ It was our privilege to be in Sunday school with Forest and Thelma! Such sweet friends and had many lunches with them! You will be missed! David and Arma Jean Jones

Arma Jones - February 13 at 09:17 AM

MB

“ Baptist Village of Broken Arrow was more than blessed to have shared life and love with Thelma for over four years now. Her sons and their families have displayed what caring for your mom should look like. Thanks, Randy and Rusty, for setting a great example to our team of what loving your family is all about. We will miss this precious lady. Our world needs more like her.

Monty Baggett - February 13 at 04:55 AM

RP

“ Raymond & Karyn Pattison planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thelma Rutherford.

Raymond & Karyn Pattison - February 11 at 12:47 AM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thelma Rutherford.



February 11 at 12:47 AM

AF

“ *Arns family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thelma Rutherford.*



Arns family - February 10 at 06:29 PM

FF

“ *From the Tennyson Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Thelma Rutherford.*



From the Tennyson Family - February 10 at 11:25 AM

EG

“ *Infinite **

Elisha Green - February 09 at 09:17 PM

EG

“ *My sweet beautiful Thelma, I am surly going to miss you. God and all of his infamous wisdom places certain people in your life for a reason. I am so grateful to have met you..*

Elisha Green - February 09 at 09:13 PM



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Hayhurst Funeral Home - February 09 at 11:40 AM