



## Wanda Sturm

October 22, 1930 - August 7, 2020

Wanda Sturm passed from this earth on August 7, 2020 at the age of 89. She was undoubtedly met in heaven and gathered into the arms of her Heavenly Father and the love of her life, Jess R. Sturm, Jr.

Wanda Lee Johns was born on October 22, 1930 in Bristow, OK to Fred Sr. and Ellen (Higgenbotham) Johns. She was the youngest of Fred and Ellen's 10 surviving children. They lived on a farm outside of town, where she attended Creek County elementary school. She graduated from Bristow High School in May, 1948.

Mom met her future husband, WWII U.S. Army veteran, Jess Sturm, while working at a Bristow café in 1947. Although he was 10 years her senior, it made no difference. They had each found their lifetime soul mate. They were married on February 7, 1948, but only after Ellen made Dad promise that Wanda would finish high school before he would move her away from home. The promise was kept and Mr. and Mrs. Jess and Wanda Sturm, moved to Tulsa, after graduation.

In 1950, they bought their first home at 4732 E. Jasper in Tulsa. Around 1952, Dad and Mom moved to Broken Arrow and went into the bakery business with Dad's brother and wife, Lee Morell (Mose) and Elizabeth (Liz) Sturm. The Broken Arrow Pastry Shop was a family affair and Mom worked the long hours

with everyone else for 28 years. After the bakery was sold, Mom worked at Arkansas Valley Bank in Broken Arrow, for over 17 years until retirement. During the time of the bakery and bank, she found the time to run an upholstery business for over 30 years, out of a shop building Dad had put up in the backyard. She was also a charter member of the Broken Arrow, VFW. In 2007, Mom and Dad sold their long-time home and moved to a retirement apartment community, Vandever House, in Broken Arrow. Her "Precious" love, Jess died in May 2009. Mom continued an active life with the "girls" at Vandever House and with continual get togethers with children and grandchildren.

Throughout her life, Mom's Christian faith never wavered. She was raised in Bristow attending the Freewill Baptist Church and after moving to Broken Arrow, joined and faithfully attended the first Church of the Nazarene the rest of her life. God gave her an exceptional singing voice, which she shared for many years with the choir. Her church family was very important to her, making life-long and treasured friendships along the way.

Mom has blessed many in her life and especially our family. Her family legacy is:

Children, Reeda Markwood and Jesse R. Sturm III (Cleta)

Grandchildren, Jennifer Langley (Mike), Mike Adney, Grant Adney, Sarah Westcott, (Mike), Bonnie Adney, Samantha Radtke (Kyle), Jesse R. Sturm IV (Wendy)

Great-grandchildren, Dylan Woods (Brittany), Colton Woods, Dalton Woods, Alissa Westcott, Logan Westcott, Konner Adney, Ace Williams, Bentley Conner, Carson Conner, Adalynne Conner, Eljin Sturm, Doyle Sturm, Edwin Sturm

Great-great-grandchild, Jaxson Woods

Wanda was preceded in death by brothers, Albert, James, Fred Jr., Paul, Bill Johns and sisters Carrie Johns, Hazel Arrington, Lola Dushane, Thelma Brown

# Cemetery Details

## Floral Haven Memorial Gardens

6500 S. 129th E. Ave.  
Tulsa, OK 74012  
(918) 252-2518

# Previous Events

## Viewing

AUG 11. 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 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

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AUG **12**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Broken Arrow First Church of the Nazarene  
401 W New Orleans St  
Broken Arrow, OK 74011

# Tribute Wall

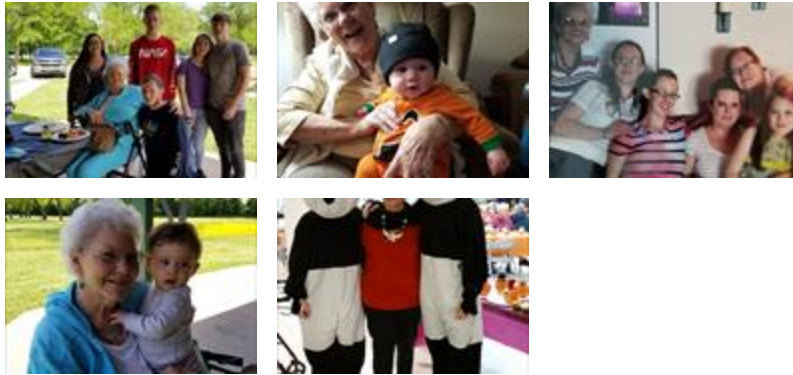


“ *Wanda Sturm*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *10 files added to the album Family*



**Jennifer Langley** - August 13, 2020 at 04:47 PM



“ *I love my Aunt Wanda so much. Always kind. Always laughing.  
Always wearing matching jewelry. ❤️  
Love her spirit and her godly heart.  
Love to Reeda and Jesse and all the family.*

**Kim Janes** - August 12, 2020 at 02:27 PM

DH

“ I remember Mrs. Sturm and her family. I grew up in the First Church of the Nazerine. Of course, my favorite in the Bakery on Main Street. I would look forward to my birthdays to get a wonderful birthday cake from there. I also remember the pastries (cream puffs and napoleons. She will be missed but in heaven now. My thoughts and prayers for her family.



*Dominique Heath (Hess)*

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**Dominique Heath** - August 12, 2020 at 09:01 AM

JR

“ A very special lady! She will be missed.



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**Judy Rosser** - August 11, 2020 at 08:26 PM

AD

“ Wanda was a Precious Lady, She will be missed. God Bless you all



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**Allison Dallen** - August 11, 2020 at 01:33 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Wanda Sturm.*



August 10, 2020 at 08:28 PM



“ *Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of Wanda Sturm.*



August 09, 2020 at 08:40 PM



“ *Karen B lit a candle in memory of Wanda Sturm*



**Karen B** - August 08, 2020 at 09:40 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wanda Sturm.*



August 08, 2020 at 03:52 PM

CM

“ Wanda was such a loving woman, a friend to all. She was diligent to share her testimony frequently and her strong faith in God and her savior Jesus Christ. She loved her family immensely and loved to brag about them. I consider myself blessed to call her friend and sister in Christ. I'm grateful she is home at last and I imagine she is now singing with all the heavenly hosts. We will miss her laughter and her quick wit but look forward to when we will see her again.  
Cyndie Marshall

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**Cyndie Marshall** - August 08, 2020 at 03:42 PM

DR

“ Donna Rankin lit a candle in memory of Wanda Sturm



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**Donna Rankin** - August 08, 2020 at 06:52 AM

DR

*Sending prayers to Reeda and the family for strength and comfort. Love you all, Donna*

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**Donna Rankin** - August 08, 2020 at 06:54 AM

LS

*I knew and loved Wanda from Vandever House. For years, I went there once a month (as a representative of my church) and had a program and fed the people lunch afterwards. Wanda was one I got to know very well. She loved to sing the old hymns and had a beautiful voice! I have a fuzzy black and white scarf that she made me and I will always think of my friend, Wanda, when I wear it. I will try to attend her service this week. Deep sympathies to her family in your time of loss.*

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**Lori Sutton** - August 09, 2020 at 12:52 PM

DB

*I loved their pastry shop! The maple raspberry filled, the fried cinnamon rolls with honey and nuts, the maple long johns and everything else! She was so sweet to all her customers and mom would stop after school and pick up a bag of leftovers for like a dollar. We never knew what we got until we got home! Mom would stick them in the oven the next morning and heat em up and they were just like they were just made. That was my favorite place in BA growing up. Such a great family and such a great memory for me.*

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**Danny Beck** - August 10, 2020 at 09:23 AM

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



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**Hayhurst Funeral Home** - August 07, 2020 at 04:59 PM