



## Mary Etta Nielson

July 24, 1927 - December 23, 2016

A graveside service for Mary Nielsen, 89, will be 1:00 PM Wednesday, December 28, 2016, at Ft. Gibson National Cemetery, with arrangements by Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home. Visitation with family will be Tuesday 5:30 – 7:00 PM at the funeral home.

Mary was one of twelve children born to Frank Marion and Eva Mae (McCoy) O'Banion on July 24, 1927, in Joplin, Jasper, Missouri, and died Friday, December 23, 2016, in Enid. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Mary will be greatly missed by so many who loved her. She never met a stranger.

Mary spent much of her young life in Johnson, Stanton, Kansas, where she attended school and endured dust storms of the time. On February 16, 1946, she married Max Hollingsworth in Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, and they had one daughter, Naomi Ruth.

July 1, 1952, she married Veryl Wayne Storey in Raton, Colfax, New Mexico, and from this marriage there were two children: Veryl Jr. and Marilyn Janice. During this marriage, they owned a custom harvesting company, and traveled north to south cutting fields of grain, and worked on the Storey farm and ranching business in Southwest Kansas.

Mary married Berger O. Nielsen on January 21, 1974 in Denver, Colorado. This marriage brought many good things into Mary's life. She owned a turquoise jewelry shop in Brighton, Colorado, and raised dogs, often including champions. She received her GED at age 65. Mary loved handwork, was a self-taught tatter, wrote a family history book, and loved genealogy. A move to Grove, Oklahoma, gave her an opportunity to work in the Grove Library.

Mary is survived by two sisters, LuVada Mae Dilts of Moberly, Missouri, and Pattty Lucille Richardson (Chris) of Enid; two brothers, Alford Wesley O'Banion (Beth) of Stillwell, Kansas, and Marion Ray O'Banion (Sharon) of Tonganoxie, Kansas; daughters, Ruth (Hollingsworth) Skinner and Marilyn (Storey) Velasquez Brochu (Joey), all of Enid; three grandchildren: Tara Dawn Skinner of Enid, and Nathan Drew Velasquez (Debra) and Bradley Daniel Velasquez (Rocio), all of Oklahoma City; three great-grandchildren: Emma, Dakota and Ryker; and many nieces and nephews (including great and great-great) and nwhich she loved very much.

She was preceded in death by her son Veryl Wayne Storey, Jr., two brothers, Joseph Edward O'Banion, and Frank, Jr; five sisters, Molly Louise, Bettie Lee, Ann Gertrude, and Wilma J.

Memorials may be made to Hospice Circle of Love.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Gibson National Cemetery

Fort Gibson, OK

# Previous Events

## Family Visitation

DEC 27. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home  
Enid, OK

## Graveside Service

DEC 28. 1:00 PM (CT)

Fort Gibson National Cemetery  
Fort Gibson, OK

# Tribute Wall

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“ Gran - The joy and love you brought to my family was absolutely amazing. I know you'll be missed by so many people especially Mom. One of the neatest memories I get to re-live over and over again is seeing the little things you've passed down to Mom, which was passed down to me, which I have and will continue to pass down to your great-grandchildren. I am so glad Emma and Ryker got to know you and make several visits with you. There are several wonderful memories in every stage of my life which I will hold on dear to my heart, so It's hard to just pick a specific memory. I'll always remember the visits with you from my childhood, playing on your electric piano, watching Christmas movies on VHS, being on the lake with you and Gramps, the O'Banion family reunions, playing card games including hand and foot, using all of your paper on that dot-matrix printer, playing on your computer, making sandwiches, grape nuts and your bowl of sugar, drives in the Lincoln and the smaller Mercury, falling, accidentally of course, into your goldfish pond with Brad, the dark carpet of your home in Grove in the woods, the granddaddy long-leg spiders that were outside that home, playing with the toys, likely from the 70s, your admiration for cows, the pond by your house which froze over and pretending to ice skate on the pond when Mom and you told Brad and I not to do that, you taking me to see the Lion King, your birthday surprise at the nursing home, hearing about and watching you eat your desert first, talking to you about life, and your great grandchildren, the list is really endless and you'll forever remain in my heart, and I am happy you are at a place where you can be with Gramps and Butch and be without pain. You'll be missed, you'll always be loved, and you will definitely be remembered.

Love you forever - Your grandson.....Nathan



Nathan Velasquez - December 27, 2016 at 11:50 AM

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“ *Ruth - I am so sorry for your loss - I remember how close you and your Mother were when we were in high school - you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.  
with love - Nancy (Hurley) Nichols*

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**Nancy Nichols** - December 26, 2016 at 12:18 PM