



## Mary Phyllis Spence

July 25, 1938 - December 2, 2020

Mary Phyllis Kirkendall Ranson Spence was born to Lindley Hill Kirkendall and Zoa Edith Martin Kirkendall on July 25, 1938, on the family farm right on the Alfalfa/Major County line between Aline and Cleo Springs, Oklahoma, and died Wednesday, December 2, 2020 in Enid, Oklahoma. Her funeral will be Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at 1:00 at First Assembly of God Church, 905 N. Oakwood, Enid, OK, under the direction of Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home, Enid, with Rev. Dan Barrick officiating. There will be a visitation on Monday, December 7th at the funeral home from 6:00-7:00 pm. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery, Fairview, Oklahoma.

Mary attended Ruby one-room school house and was salutatorian of Cleo Springs High School in 1956. After high school, Mary attended Enid Business College. In 1957, Mary married Ervan Teske. They had four children together. She worked at Bank Lumber then Union Equity Cooperative Exchange in Human Resources until her retirement in 1990.

In May 1990, Mary married Dean Ranson. They made their home in Fairview, Oklahoma. Dean passed away in June 2007. Mary then moved back to Enid.

Mary attended First United Methodist Church in Enid where she met Ret. Major General Clyde W. Spence. They married in December 2009 and made their home in Williamsburg, Virginia. Clyde passed away in July 2020. Mary

returned to Enid in August.

Mary absolutely loved working at Union Equity where she was lovingly referred to as “Mother Mary” and gained many lifelong friends. Mary also loved being involved in United Methodist Women’s Association, serving as president. Mary enjoyed volunteering, giving her time at ST. Mary’s Hospital, reading at Fairview Fellowship Home, helping with after school care at Fairview United Methodist Church, and helping at Williamsburg Respite Care. She also served as president of Arkansas-Oklahoma Professional Secretary’s Association and served on the board of The Commons United Methodist Retirement Community. Mary was a member of PEO Chapter DB. Her greatest joy, though, were her children and grand children.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, husbands, her daughter, Kimberly (Teske) Jobes, and brothers, Robert, Charles, and David Kirkendall.

Mary is survived by three children, Terry and Karen Teske of Kingfisher, Dr. Timothy and Lisa Teske of Enid, and Sherri (Teske) and Dan West of Enid; ten grandchildren, Sarah (Jobes) Clark, Melissa (Teske) Sierra, Terri (Teske) Fuller, Andrew Teske, Kendall Teske, Byron West, Maggie (West) Powell, Clay West, Krista (Shaver) Herrera, and Chad Shaver, fifteen great grandchildren: Elijah, Brooklynn, Aubrey, Sadie, Declan, Cole, Remington, Hardy, Caleb, Allie, John, Dale, Jacob, William, and Jayden; and one great, great grandchild, Lila Mae. Dean’s children, Rita and Jeral Cain of Fort Worth, TX and sons, Jeff and Bradley, and Janis and Bob Johnson of Yorktown, VA, and sons, David and Michael. Clyde’s children Kevin and Suzy Spence of Sarasota, Florida, and daughters, Georgia and Shannon, Donald and Holly Greene of Daytona Beach, Florida, and son Scotty; and Craig and Heather Kennedy of Potomac, Maryland, and daughters, Caroline and Ava. Three sisters, Virginia Phillips, Carolyn Dietz, Betty Garinger, and sister-in-law, Lydia Kirkendall.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation or American Diabetes Association.

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

Fairview, OK

# Previous Events

## Visitation with Family & Friends

DEC 7. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Anderson Burriss Funeral Home & Crematory  
3002 N Van Buren  
Enid, OK 73703  
(580) 233-2700  
ab@andersonburriss.com  
<https://www.andersonburriss.com/>

## Funeral Service

DEC 8. 1:00 PM (CT)

Enid First Assembly of God  
905 N. Oakwood Rd  
Enid, OK 73703

# Tribute Wall

AC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Anderson-Burris Funeral Home & Crematory - December 08, 2020 at 03:33 PM

BM

*Lovely. Thanks for showing this.*

Barbara J. Moore - December 08, 2020 at 08:10 PM

SS

“ *Mary was one of the BEST UMW Enid District President's. At our meetings she would say "I'm your UMW Cheerleader"--and she was. Always full of ideas and organized. I'll never forget one time when at a Conference meeting in Oklahoma City, she got lost. She made it to the meeting OK--when it was time for us to have dinner on our own, she did not volunteer to drive! She was a real lady.*  
*Sue Schmidt*

Sue Schmidt - December 08, 2020 at 10:59 AM

KS

“ *She was such a pretty, sweet lady.*  
*Thinking of you, Kathryn Spring*

Kathryn Spring - December 06, 2020 at 02:26 PM

KS

“ Without fail, each year at the beginning of college football season Mary would love to tell the same joke: "Kevin, I think our television is broken. It only shows football!" And she would always chuckle and smile. She knew she was repeating the joke, and that was part of the joke! Of course, Mary agreed football WAS worth watching when Oklahoma State was playing!  
I will forever miss this kind, sweet, gentle soul who always made my day a little bit better.

*Kevin Spence*

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**Kevin Spence** - December 05, 2020 at 07:00 PM

LB

“ So sorry that Mary has passed. She was a special friend who was a member of the Enid First United Methodist Church Singles' Ministry at one time years ago. Mary was such an "upper" to be around. Condolences to Mary's family. She will be missed.

*Larry Boyer, Enid*

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**Larry Boyer** - December 05, 2020 at 06:36 PM

CM

“ I will always remember our special friendship. Love you, Mary.  
Cassie

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**Cassie Maye** - December 05, 2020 at 04:44 PM

JB

“ *Jan Boyer lit a candle in memory of Mary Phyllis Spence*



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**Jan Boyer** - December 05, 2020 at 03:11 PM

AA

“ *Our thoughts and prayers to your families at the loss of Mary. Always enjoyed working with her. She was professional in her HR career.*

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**AK, Shirley Armstrong** - December 05, 2020 at 09:21 AM

BB

“ *Melissa (sister) I am so sorry for your loss. She's home with the Lord & and rejoicing. Keep the memories close. We love you & if we need to do anything let me know. Thoughts & Prayers.*

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**Brandi Barker** - December 05, 2020 at 03:33 AM