



Walterean Jean (Diveley) Riekenberg

December 11, 1935 - January 4, 2023

Our Angel on Earth went to her heavenly home on January 4th 2023. A service of remembrance celebrating the life and love of Walterean Riekenberg will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Saturday, January 7th, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., with Pastor Reber officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation with family will be January 6th, 2023, at Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home from 6-7 p.m.

Walterean Jean (Diveley) Riekenberg, of Enid passed away at the age of 87. She was born on December 11, 1935 at Villa Madonna in Enid to Everette and Midoline (Williams) Diveley.

Walterean was crowned Homecoming Football Queen in 1953 at Covington High School. She was also a member of Future Homemakers of America, cheerleader and senior class President. She graduated in 1954.

January 1, 1954, Walterean married Richard Lee Riekenberg of Fairmont. They were married 62 years.

After getting married, the couple moved to Lawton, OK, where she was a military wife and worked at Cress. After 2 years, they moved to Wichita, KS., where Walterean worked in a nursing home.

By now the family had grown to include two sons and a daughter. Next, they moved to Hutchinson, KS where they owned and operated Steamatic Carpet Cleaning business.

In 1971, Walterean and the family moved to Enid to be closer to family.

Walterean was a paraprofessional in the Enid Public Schools from 1972-2013. Her love and passion was for children with special needs.

Her hobbies and interests included family, OSU Cowboy sports, traveling, collecting cookbooks, rodeos and fishing. Her favorite song was "White Christmas". Walterean said her favorite childhood memory was "when the boys selected me Football Homecoming Queen".

Walterean had a very strong faith and believed in the power of prayer. She loved the Lord with all her heart. She was a life-long member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

In addition to her parents, Walterean was preceded in death by her husband, son Michael, Uncle Walter, who she is named after and dear nephew Kelly Cramer.

She is survived by daughter Brenda Woodford and husband Steve, son Terry Riekenberg, daughter-in-law Karen Riekenberg; grandchildren, Douglas Woodford and wife, Jamie, and DeeNa'; great-grandchildren Adylee (who was born on Waltereans' 78th birthday), twins Graham and Ainsley, Miranda and husband Roberto, Ayden and Asher; great-great grandchildren AnnaLene, Amery and Mateo; two sisters, Sharoll Kay Kegin and Linda Beck. Also, precious cousins Hadley, John and Lynn Hall, Tip Burch and Dottie Diveley, special friends Gene/Christine Hollrah, Sarah Ryel, Nicole Decker and many many other family/friends. Special thanks to Healthback Home Health/Traditions Health (Brandy and Marlys) and caregiver, Tammy.

Memorials may be made through the funeral home to St. Paul's Lutheran Church LWML, 4RKids or to the donors choice. Please wear RED in honor of Walterean. Red was her favorite color.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

6405 Memorial Dr
Enid, OK 73701

Previous Events

Family Visitation

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

Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home
Enid, OK

Celebration of Life

JAN 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
1626 E. Broadway
Enid, OK 73701

Tribute Wall

NP

“ I met Walterean when I began teaching at Cherokee Park School. We were members of the "clique", and I became well acquainted with Walterean as we ate lunches and celebrated birthdays. I remember Michael, as he rode the bus from the Opportunity School to Cherokee Park each weekday. I worked along side with Walterean, and observed her loving and no nonsense approach with our students. She was one of several role models for me. During our careers at Enid Public Schools, I was priviliged to have Walterean work in my classroom only once. A picture of our class is in her beautiful tribute! She was an amazing paraprofessional, and I loved working with her. She was also an amazing friend. Whenever we got together, she always asked about my family, and I caught up with her family. Walterean was a loving person who demonstrated her care for others and her faith to others. I miss you Walterean.
Nancy Nicholson Phillips

Nancy Nicholson Phillips - January 19, 2023 at 10:45 PM

BW

“ Oh mom!! My heart hurts so bad. I miss you a lot. You will always hold a special place in my heart! Goodnight. I love you!! Sleep well.

Brenda woodford - January 19, 2023 at 09:11 PM

TS

“ Seeing Walterean's pic immediately brought a smile and sweet memories to my mind. I saw her work with many special students. She was gentle and soft-spoken most of the time. Her buttons were pushed a couple of times but she always showed grace. Prayers for family.

Tanna S - January 19, 2023 at 01:19 PM

BW

Thank you for the precious memory. Brenda Woodford, Daughter

Brenda woodford - January 19, 2023 at 08:59 PM

AH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Anderson-Burris Funeral Home - January 10, 2023 at 09:53 AM

LB

“ *Laretta Back lit a candle in memory of
Walterean Jean (Diveley) Riekenberg*



Laretta Back - January 06, 2023 at 06:26 PM

BW

Thank you for remembering mom. Brenda Woodford, Daughter

Brenda woodford - January 19, 2023 at 09:01 PM

SL

“ *I worked with Walterean at Waller Middle School. She always wore
a smile on her face and was so kind to everyone. Sorry to hear of
her loss.*

SusannLoverude

Susan Loverude - January 06, 2023 at 04:19 PM

BW

Thank you for the sweet memory of mom. Brenda Woodford, Daughter

Brenda woodford - January 19, 2023 at 09:02 PM

CH

“ *To Brenda, So sorry to read of your Mother's passing. Nice obituary of her life. Calvin and Emma Henneke*

Calvin Henneke - January 06, 2023 at 01:03 PM

BW

Thank for Calvin and Emma for your sweet words. Brenda Woodford, Daughter

Brenda woodford - January 19, 2023 at 09:03 PM

CP

“ *I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Walterean. I worked with her for several years and she was a very sweet kind woman. I pray God's comfort for her family.*

Cindy Presa - January 06, 2023 at 12:02 PM

BW

Thank you, Cindy. I heard mom talk about how kind you were to her. Brenda Woodford, Daughter

Brenda woodford - January 19, 2023 at 09:05 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Walterean Jean (Diveley) Riekenberg.*



January 05, 2023 at 10:42 PM

GH

“ *It has been a wonderful privilege sharing visits, love, comfort, and Holy Communion with Walterean and Richard as well before he passed. Many memories and stories have been told and retold. Praise God for sharing his love with us.*

Gene Hollrah - January 05, 2023 at 08:52 PM

BW

*You and Christine have been amazing friends to mom and me!!
THANK YOU!!!*

Brenda woodford - January 19, 2023 at 09:07 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Walterean Jean (Diveley) Riekenberg.*



January 05, 2023 at 01:04 PM