



Ms. Becky Wallace

January 28, 1939 - June 24, 2012

Elizabeth Ann “Becky” Wallace, 73, died peacefully after a brief illness on June 24, 2012, at her country home in Osage County, with friends around her.

A native of Bartlesville, Becky was born on January 28, 1939, the only child of Vernon and Thelma (Ellis) Wallace. Her father, a chemical engineer with Phillips Petroleum Company, and her mother, a committed civic volunteer, were models for Becky’s life of community service. Her maternal grandfather had the Ellis Machine Shop on Short Street, relics of which are now part of the Oil Patch display at Woolaroc.

After graduating from College High School in 1957, Becky earned a B.A. in Secondary English Education in 1962 at the University of Tulsa. Becky served as a substitute teacher for many years not only in Bartlesville, but also in several Osage County schools. She was also the Volunteer Coordinator for several years on the OK Mozart festival staff.

From her earliest years, Becky was involved with the arts. During grade school, she studied expression (elocution) with Verian Chaney and her group that put on KWON’s radio dramas. Her musical studies included piano with Addie Maud Murrah, violin with Ruth Green, and ballet with Suzanne Bettis and Charlotte Lyke. Later she was a student of Me-Me Neher, who sent her to summer seminars in Chicago with the National Association of Dance and Affiliated Artists. During her high school years, Becky taught tap and ballet classes for Mrs. Neher’s School of Dance. She also participated in the local Ballet Club’s community educational performances, sponsored by Betty Rausch Frey.

Becky Wallace dedicated her life to serving her community. Her interests covered diverse fields, from AAUW to the League of Women Voters, from doll collecting to county fair competitions, from politics to the Price Tower, from Women’s Network to Woolaroc. She collected cats, hats, quilts, and china. She was involved with Kidsfest, ballet, book clubs, and for good measure a bridge group that has been meeting regularly for close to 50 years.

Becky was an active member and tireless supporter of Bartlesville Civic Ballet, the Ballet Guild, Rainbow Girls, Eastern Star, Extension Homemakers, Bartlesville Community Center, Bartlesville Pilot Club, Bartlesville Parliamentarians, the Bartlesville Women's Network, the Price Tower Arts Center, the Friends of Woolaroc, and the Tallgrass Doll Club - often serving as a founding member, president or board member for these organizations.

She frequently managed the volunteer ushers at the Bartlesville Community Center and served as house manager at more than a few OK Mozart festivals. She also was a docent at Woolaroc and the Bartlesville Area History Museum. As well as serving several terms on the boards at regional and state levels of the Oklahoma League of Women Voters, Becky was president of the Bartlesville LWV at the time of her death.

Becky was actively involved with various boards and committees of Oak Park United Methodist Church and she was instrumental in initiating the "Zingles" social group there.

She was recently the Region 3 (Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico) president of the United Federation of Doll Clubs and chaired committees at conventions all over the country, as well as establishing the Becky Wallace Scholarship Fund for Research of Modern and Collectible Dolls, an ongoing fund requiring at least a \$20,000 donation.

Becky was well-known as a civic volunteer, often giving up to 60 hours a week. As she put it more than once, "Volunteering is a way of life for me."

In 1993 Becky received a well-deserved special award from Allied Arts and Humanities Council of Bartlesville for her "long and dedicated service to the arts."

Becky, an only child, was preceded in death by her father Vernon, in 1969, and her mother Thelma, in 1990. She is survived by a host of loving friends.

In lieu of flowers Becky requested memorial contributions be made to the donor's favorite arts organization or to OK Mozart, 415 S. Dewey Ave., Bartlesville, OK 74003.

Visitation will be held Tuesday 2-8 p.m. and Wednesday 9-8 p.m. at the Davis Family Funeral Home (918-534-3030), 113 South Osage (Hwy. 75), Dewey, OK 74029.

Funeral services for Becky Wallace will be held on Thursday, June 28, 2012, 10 a.m. at the Oak Park United Methodist Church, 601 Brentwood, Bartlesville, OK 74003. Rev. Linda Lusnia of the Oak Park United Methodist Church will officiate. Interment will follow in the Memorial Park Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Family Funeral Home. Online condolences and remembrances may be left at www.davisfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Read more at the Examiner-Enterprise, June 25, 2012:

<http://www.examiner-enterprise.com/sections/news/local-news/longtime-civic-volunteer-becky-wallace-dies.html>

Previous Events

Service

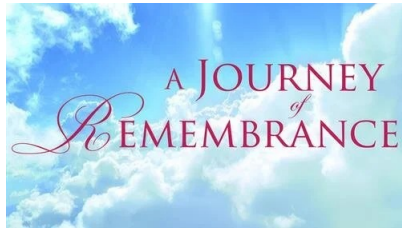
JUN **28**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Oak Park Methodist Church
601 Brentwood Road
Bartlesville, OK 74003
<http://oakparkbville.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Becky Wallace*



Davis Family Funeral Home - June 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Becky was well-known as a civic volunteer. These are links to 2 newspaper articles about her:*

<http://examiner-enterprise.com/sections/news/local-news/longtime-civic-volunteer-becky-wallace-dies.html>

http://www.tulsaworld.com/article.aspx/Bartlesville_native_longtime_womens_rights_activist/20120628_11_A15_CUTLIN198365

Note: Jpeg images of these stories are saved in an album on this website as part of Becky's eternal tribute wall.

Jacqi Davis - May 06, 2013 at 12:47 AM

DH

“ *7 files added to the album Newspaper Articles About Becky*



Davis Family Funeral Home - May 06, 2013 at 12:43 AM

JD

“ 7 files added to the album *Becky*



Jacqi Davis - June 27, 2012 at 08:54 PM

PH

“ *Pepper Hume lit a candle in memory of Ms. Becky Wallace*



Pepper Hume - June 27, 2012 at 07:28 PM

PH

Becky and I go waaay back to Garfield grade school. She was always a gentle sweet soul and I was glad to reconnect with her via her interest in doll collecting. Wish we'd had a chance to get together.

Pepper Hume - June 27, 2012 at 07:31 PM

LG

“ *I'll always remember Becky because she helped instill the love on dancing in me when I was 3 years old and she was a student helper at Me-Me's School of Dance. When I got to 7th grade, I was proud to follow in her footsteps and be a student helper, too.*

Linda Grissette - June 27, 2012 at 06:28 PM

RB

“ *One of the loveliest ladies I ever met. Rest in Peace, Becky Wallace.*

Rita Barnes - June 27, 2012 at 06:08 PM



“ *Josh Edna lit a candle in memory of Ms. Becky Wallace*



Josh Edna - June 27, 2012 at 05:33 PM

EW

“ *Edward J. Walker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Becky Wallace*



Edward J. Walker - June 27, 2012 at 02:33 PM

JM

“ *Jim Mills lit a candle in memory of Ms. Becky Wallace*



Jim Mills - June 27, 2012 at 12:46 PM



“ *We had known each other since Central Hi days and were both Sophmores in college, she at University of Tulsa and I at Oklahoma Baptist University. She was involved the the Methodist student union there and I was weekend pastor at Bowring. She asked me to speak to the Methodist student union one Sunday night. Even within the last few years we have worshipped together when I was in Bartlesville. Once while she was in Chicago for a doll convention my wife Wilma and I met her and we three had a great night of eating and visiting. Becky remained a very trusted and dear friend. She is missed already.*

Larry Wells - June 27, 2012 at 11:51 AM

BW

“ *Miss Becky, you left a empty spot in my heart, but it is filling up with all the memories of the 25 years of friendship. Now your family circle is complete and I know there was rejoicing upon your arrival. Bonnie Walker*

Bonnie Walker - June 27, 2012 at 10:18 AM

BW

“ *Bonnie Walker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Becky Wallace*



Bonnie Walker - June 27, 2012 at 10:01 AM

UF

“ *1 file added to the album Becky*



UFDC - June 26, 2012 at 02:43 PM

PL

“ *Pastor Linda Lusnia lit a candle in memory of Ms. Becky Wallace*



Pastor Linda Lusnia - June 26, 2012 at 12:13 PM

PL

Rest in peace dear Sister in faith. Pastor Linda

Pastor Linda Lusnia - June 26, 2012 at 12:15 PM

TF

“ *The Hemke Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Becky Wallace*



The Hemke Family - June 26, 2012 at 11:31 AM



“ *Farrah Birch lit a candle in memory of Ms. Becky Wallace*



Farrah Birch - June 26, 2012 at 11:28 AM

CJ

“ *Carolyn Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Becky Wallace*



Carolyn Johnson - June 26, 2012 at 09:10 AM

CT

I will always remember our times of working on different doll events especially the Regional Doll Auction in Chicago.

Carolyn Johnson - Texas City TX - June 26, 2012 at 09:13 AM



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Davis Family Funeral Home - June 25, 2012 at 08:33 PM

KP

“ *Karen K. King - Pawhuska lit a candle in memory of Ms. Becky Wallace*



Karen K. King - Pawhuska - June 25, 2012 at 10:52 AM

EW

We crossed swords several times but always remained the best of friends... I miss you Becky!! Ed Walker

Edward J. Walker - June 27, 2012 at 02:39 PM

KP

“ *My deepest regrets on the passing of one of our most devoted women in arts and politics in the Bartlesville community. I'll never forget our trip to Seneca Falls, New York a few years ago as we celebrated a major anniversary of Women's Rights in America. God rest your sweet soul, Becky!!*

Karen K. King - Pawhuska - June 25, 2012 at 10:50 AM