



Donna Carol Reese

October 14, 1939 - October 2, 2016

Donna Carol Reese, 76, Wann native and resident of Dewey, passed from this life on Sunday in Bartlesville.

Donna was born the daughter of Leo and Paulina Victoria "Vic" (Thompson) Deaton on October 14, 1939, in Wann, OK. She attended Wann schools until the family moved to Fairfax in 1947, returning to Wann in 1950. During those years she developed her love for playing basketball and continued to play long after her school years. She graduated from Wann High School in 1957 and soon after married her sweetheart Gary Reese on August 2, 1957, also in Wann. Once married she left her job as the Wann switchboard operator to focus her time on her husband and children. Donna attended all of her kids' and grandkids' sporting and school activities. She picked the kids up every day from school even though she didn't obtain her driver's license til she was 32 so she could drive sister Bev and herself to town for shopping. Donna and Gary made their home in the Wann until moving to Joplin in 1992, returning to the area in 2002 to their current home in Dewey.

Donna's passions in life centered around her husband, children, grandchildren and in more recent years, great-grandchildren. She was a loving mother and homemaker who took pride in decorating and updating her own home. She loved to fish and spent many evenings at the family lake fishing for crappie and bass until she and Gary moved to Joplin. She enjoyed many memorable trips to Branson with Gary where she came up with many ideas for things for Gary to build and her to decorate. She loved her flowers and working in the

yard and she and Gary's yard was the envy of the neighborhood wherever they lived. Donna was a faithful wife and mother who doted on her grandchildren and will be dearly missed.

Donna is survived by her loving husband Gary of 59 years; three children Pam Cramer and Joe of Bartlesville, Scott Reese and Sherri, and Kelly Reese and Robin, both couples of Wann; one brother John "Sonny" Deaton and Carol of Wann; brother in law Andy Reese and Alice of Augusta, GA; sisters-in law Dixie Ann Brown and Ray of Cache, OK, Susie Renfro of Ralston, OK, and Marge Barcus of Bartlesville; six grandchildren, Josh Cramer and Candice of Cut Bank, Montana, Whitley Pollet and Cody of Austin, TX, Zach Cramer and Amanda Randall of Bartlesville, Jared Reese and Fiance Paige Parks of Broken Arrow, Shelbi Reese of Wann, and Cayla Scott and Colton of Bartlesville, as well as five great grandchildren, Addyson, Charley and Jensen Cramer, and Milo and Isla Pollet. She is preceded in death by her parents, two brothers Charles Leo Deaton in infancy and Fred Deaton, and two sisters Beverly Harding and Shirley Renfro.

Donna's family will receive friends at the Davis Family Funeral Home, 918-534-3030, 113 S. Osage (Hwy. 75), Dewey, on Tue., Oct. 4, 6-8 pm. Visitation begins Tue. 12-8 pm. Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Wed., Oct. 5, at Ridin' for the Brand Cowboy Church with Pastor Jimmy Harrington of Ridin' for the Brand Cowboy Church officiating. Interment will be at Wann Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared with Donna's family at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Wann Cemetery

road 8 and road 404
Wann, OK 74083

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 4. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel
113 S Osage Ave
Dewey, OK 74029
(918) 534-3030
davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com

Gathering of Friends and Family

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Service

OCT 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

Ridin' For the Brand Cowboy Church

400 Main

Wann, OK 74083

Tribute Wall

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“ Gary and family. We were so sad to hear about Donna; we have a lot of good memories of the two of you at the CNC Christmas dinners. You and your family are in our prayers.

Jim and Brenda Durbin

Brenda - October 05, 2016 at 06:18 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Donna Carol Reese.



October 04, 2016 at 09:13 PM

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“ Phillips 66 purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donna Carol Reese.



Phillips 66 - October 04, 2016 at 01:31 PM

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“ Gary and family, so sorry to hear of the passing of Donna. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. Everyone at CNC Machine Products expresses their sorrow also. Unfortunately I am not going to be able to be there as well as Gary Hoofnagle who also sends his thoughts and prayers.

Rick Braddish

Rick Braddish - October 04, 2016 at 12:43 PM

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“ I remember Donna as a very pretty, blond girl in Wann High School, when she was dating Gary.
Your family is in my prayers.
Anna Mae Milligan Elam

Anna Mae Milligan Elam - October 04, 2016 at 08:27 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donna Carol Reese.



October 03, 2016 at 02:25 PM

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“ Your SageNet Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Donna Carol Reese.



Your SageNet Family - October 03, 2016 at 01:52 PM