



**Spence, Nelda Joyce**

1940-2023

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Nelda Joyce Spence was born March 27, 1940, in Athens. She passed away Jan. 27, 2023, in Decatur.

Nelda grew up in Oklahoma City and was 1956 valedictorian of Capitol Hill High School. She married Phillip Spence on Feb. 16, 1957. They lived in Oklahoma City until 1975, when they moved to Keller. The couple shared that same home in Keller until they both passed away. She was a wonderful wife and mother. She worked for Southwestern Bell until she retired at 55. She loved watching her children and grandchildren play sports. She was a huge OU Sooner fan and had season tickets for football and basketball. She loved books and taking pictures. She loved the Lord and was honest, giving and hardworking! She will

be greatly missed.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Phillip; and sister, Carol Harrison.

She is survived by sons, Randy Spence and wife, Tami, and John Spence and wife, Jonese; daughter Sherry Dane and husband, Charlie, of Decatur; grandchildren, Chelsey Arnal, Jordan Spence, Chandler Dane, Rylan Spence, Jerrod Spence, Cassidy Hodgkins, Randi Spence and Lauren Morton; and 10 great-grandchildren.

A private family memorial will be held on March 26, 2023.