



## Marilyn Lee Keith

April 16, 1933 - April 2, 2021

Marilyn Lee Keith, the daughter of James and Irene (McCann) Raleigh, was born a twin on April 16th, 1933 in Leflore, OK and entered into the arms of our Lord and Savior on April 2nd, 2021 in Stilwell, OK at the age of 87 years. Marilyn worked as a caregiver in Tulsa, OK for several years before she and her husband moved to Talihina, OK in April 1994. Marilyn loved her family. She was a loving, devoted wife, daughter, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt, sister-in-law, and friend. She maintained an especially close relationship with her twin sister, Elizabeth (Raleigh) Loosier throughout her lifetime. She met the love of her life, James Keith, when she was a young girl, age 12 attending Chalk Bluff School in Stilwell, OK. James had a crush on her and sent her a valentine that said, "Cozy cottage just for two, how about it me and you?" They were married in Stilwell, OK at the county courthouse on August 20th, 1950. James was 21 and Marilyn was 17. They were married 63 years. Marilyn had two sons, James Elliott Keith, and Randy Lee Keith; one grandson, Randy Keith Jr. and two great granddaughters, Madison and Madeline. Marilyn loved her cat "Katherine" and her two small dogs, "Buttons" and "Porky." They remained her bedside companions throughout her illness. She loved photography and toured Southeastern Oklahoma taking pictures of horses and often going for a trail ride. She collected antique dolls and grew beautiful flower gardens in her yard in Talihina. She enjoyed all types of country music and old western movies. Marilyn was a beautiful woman with a vivacious personality and a generous kind heart that will be missed by all her loved ones and friends. She enjoyed life and her memory will live on forever in our hearts.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her husband, James Keith; son, James Elliott Keith; father and mother, James Raleigh and Irene (McCann) Raleigh; stepmothers, Amelia Eldee Raleigh and Nettie Raleigh; paternal grandparents, General Green Raleigh and Mary Elizabeth; sister, Sylvia McFall; brothers, Jake Raleigh, Paul Raleigh; nephews, Joey Raleigh, Jason Raleigh, Kevin Brewer, Basil Raleigh; nieces, Brittany Brewer and Jacqueline Raleigh, Paulette Raleigh and great niece, Hannah McCarty.

Marilyn leaves behind to cherish the memories of her life, a son, Randy Lee Keith;

grandson, Randy Keith Jr.; great granddaughters, Madison and Madeline of Talihina, OK; sisters, Elizabeth (Raleigh) Loosier and husband of Stilwell, OK, Bonnie Turner of Tulsa, OK; brothers, Earl Raleigh and wife Joyce of Weatherford, OK, Jennings Raleigh of Stilwell, OK and numerous loving nieces, nephews, and special friends.

The family wishes to extend a special thanks to the Hospice of the Cherokees staff for their tender, loving and compassionate care extended by all to Marilyn.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, April 7th, 2021 from 1:00PM to 5:00PM at McCarn Funeral Service in Talihina, Oklahoma.

Services will be on Thursday, April 8th, 2021 at 2:00 PM at Victory Baptist Church in Talihina, Oklahoma with Bro. Danny Harris officiating. Interment will follow at Leflore Cemetery in Leflore, OK. Services have been entrusted to McCarn Funeral Service of Talihina, Oklahoma.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 7. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

McCarn Funeral Service

500 Dallas Street

Talihina, OK 74571

(918) 942-5004

<https://www.mccarnfuneralservice.com>

## Service

APR 8. 2:00 PM.

Victory Baptist Church

# Tribute Wall

AM

“ I am so sorry to hear about Marilyn passing, I only found out today. She was the sweetest lady I have ever met and I was extremely fortunate to have known her. Please accept our sincere condolences. Fly high Marilyn I hope both of the James' were waiting for you with hugs and kisses Anna and Buzz xxxx

Anna Moyer - April 22, 2021 at 02:37 PM



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Mccarn Funeral Service - April 06, 2021 at 05:18 PM

LB

She was my aunt she married my dad brother Jr James Jr she was very sweet person enjoy spending time with them in Tulsa as a kid and teenager she is great miss rest in peace

Leoma Blackwood - April 24 at 07:09 PM

KT

“ Dear Aunt Marilyn, I treasure all the special times we spent together and all the fun we had through the years. I loved sharing my life with you and doing things for you. You always had a special place in my heart. I admired the strength and courage you always maintained as you walked through some very hard times in your life and kept your sense of humor and smile. I will always remember you as the beautiful Aunt in this picture that you gave me years ago. Thank you for the gift of your love for me and my family. Mom, Sheila and I are so thankful we were given the time to be with you, to comfort you and share the last memories. Rejoice in heaven now because you are free. We will see you again. We love you.



Katherine Turman - April 03, 2021 at 10:29 PM

JG

“ *Jennings, Kids and Grandkids purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Marilyn Lee Keith.*



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**Jennings, Kids and Grandkids** - April 03, 2021 at 02:02 PM

FG

“ *From Sylvia's kids and grandkids... purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Marilyn Lee Keith.*



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**From Sylvia's kids and grandkids...** - April 03, 2021 at 12:49 PM

LR

“ *Marilyn Keith was the most wonderful, loving Aunt. She really cared about people, especially her family. I was proud to be her niece, and also to be considered to be her friend. We shared so many special memories of really fun times, and I treasure every memory of time spent with her. I know I will miss her for the rest of my life, and my heart will always have a special bond of love with her. God bless you, dear Aunt Marilyn. I know you're in His glorious presence now and forever, and I now look forward to the incredible reunion we'll have in His heavenly kingdom. I'm not sure you've ever realized just how much you're really loved, but I'm sure that I'm just one of many people who can honestly say that "I love you, Aunt Marilyn!" Sincerely from your niece, Linda.*

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**Linda Robinson** - April 02, 2021 at 11:30 PM