



## *When Tomorrow Starts Without Me*

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see,  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me;  
I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,  
While thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me, as much as I love you,  
And each time you think of me, I know you'll miss me too;  
But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand,  
That an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand,  
And said my place was ready, in heaven far above  
And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.

SERVICES BY  
 **KINCANNON**  
FUNERAL HOME &  
CREMATION SERVICE  
ALTUS • ELDORADO

A CELEBRATION OF

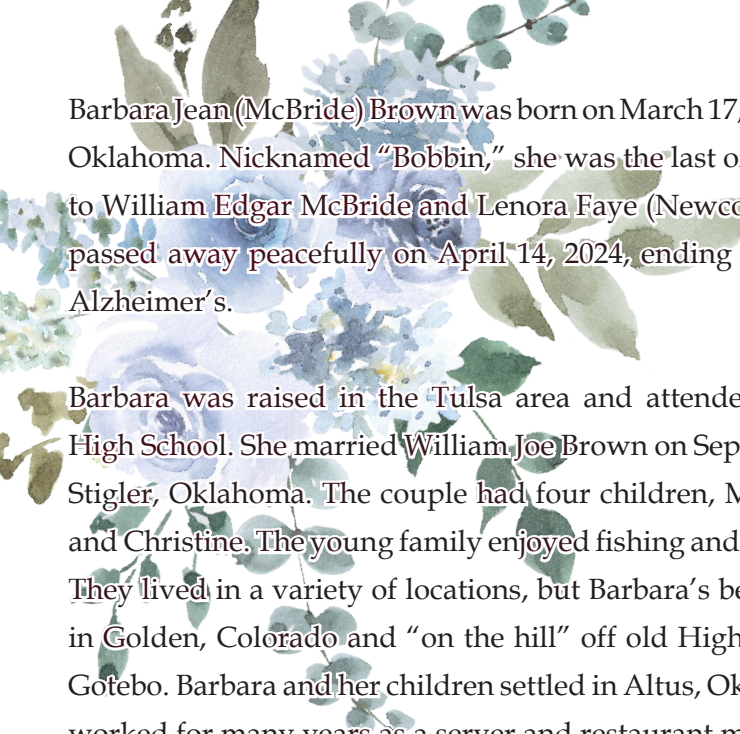
*Life*



*Barbara Jean  
Brown*

3:00 P.M. ~ SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024  
KINCANNON MEMORIAL CHAPEL - ALTUS, OKLAHOMA  
CELEBRANT ~ GLENDA STANSBURY





Barbara Jean (McBride) Brown was born on March 17, 1938, in Oakhurst, Oklahoma. Nicknamed "Bobbin," she was the last of ten children born to William Edgar McBride and Lenora Faye (Newcomb) McBride. She passed away peacefully on April 14, 2024, ending a long battle with Alzheimer's.

Barbara was raised in the Tulsa area and attended Daniel Webster High School. She married William Joe Brown on September 17, 1955, in Stigler, Oklahoma. The couple had four children, Mike, Debbie, Kim, and Christine. The young family enjoyed fishing and camping together. They lived in a variety of locations, but Barbara's best memories were in Golden, Colorado and "on the hill" off old Highway 62 outside of Gotebo. Barbara and her children settled in Altus, Oklahoma where she worked for many years as a server and restaurant manager, notably at Felker's Cafe on the square and Johnny's Steakhouse, before opening Barbara's Restaurant on Broadway in the 1980s. After closing her restaurant, Barbara had an in-home daycare business through which she shared her love with numerous children and families.

Barbara completed the administrative assistant program at Southwest Technology Center and was hired as the longtime administrative assistant and office manager for Liles Insurance (later Liles and Thompson). Greeting customers and helping them meet their needs gave her great satisfaction. She reluctantly retired due to health concerns in 2002. Barbara lived in Parkridge Estates in Altus until 2021, where she helped organize bingo and potluck events. An adoring "Nana," she spent her final years surrounded by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Spending time with them - and often sneaking them treats and small gifts without their mother's permission - gave her the most joy.

Barbara loved cooking for friends and family, country music, beating everyone at cards, classic movies and western TV shows, romance and mystery novels, and the color blue. She had a green thumb, and her home and yard were filled with plants and flowers of every kind. Barbara gave her smile and affection freely - never missing an opportunity to tell friends and family how much she loved them or wrap them up in a hug. She has left behind an enormous hole in our hearts and lives.

Barbara is survived by her son, Mike Brown and wife, Kim of Black Canyon City, Arizona; daughters, Debbie Tobey and husband, Charlie of Clovis, New Mexico and Christine Thompson and husband, Ed of Fort Worth, Texas; sister, Lucy Smith of Sapulpa, Oklahoma; eight grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

Barbara is preceded in death by her parents, Ed and Faye McBride; brothers, Jack and Walt; sisters, Lillian, Margaret, Frances, Virginia, Betsy, and Nancy; daughter, Kimberly Marick; and great-granddaughter, Rebecca Keeling.

## *Order of Service*

**PRELUDE MUSIC "A PLACE IN THE COUNTRY"**

**FAMILY PROCESSION TO "DANNY BOY"**

**OPENING REMARKS/PRAYER/LIFE STORY**

**FAMILY TRIBUTE**

**"WIND BENEATH MY WINGS"**

**CONTINUED LIFE STORY/POEM**

**MEMORIAL TRIBUTE VIDEO**

**"IN THE GARDEN"**

**FINAL THOUGHTS/CLOSING PRAYER**

**RECESSIONAL TO "WHEREVER YOU ARE TONIGHT"**