

In Loving Memory



Lori "Ann" Winters

God Saw You

*God saw you getting tired
and a cure was not to be,
So, He put His arms around
you and whispered Come to Me.
With tearful eyes we watched
you and saw you pass away,
and though we loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
hard working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove
to us He only takes the best.*



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Lori “Ann” Winters

Entered Into Life

January 28, 1967
Altus, Oklahoma

Entered Into Rest

October 11, 2024
Blair, Oklahoma

Funeral Service

2:00 P.M., Wednesday, October 16, 2024
Elm and Hudson Church of Christ
Altus, Oklahoma

Officiating

Preacher Daniel Ingram
Preacher Ron Suiter ~ Warren Church of Christ

Pallbearers

Weston Winters ~ Warren Winters
Russell Winters ~ Jacob Snyder
Jared Snyder ~ Robert Wayne Card

Interment

Warren Cemetery
Warren, Oklahoma

Born to Ralph William and Mary Jo (Card) Winters in Altus on January 28, 1967, Lori Ann, lovingly known as Ann, was raised on the Centennial, family farm north of Warren with her brothers, Gary, Mike, and Richard. With three older brothers there is no wonder that she grew up knowing how to care for cattle, breed registered dogs, fix fences, and hunt deer and turkeys. She attended school and graduated from Navajo High School where she was actively involved in 4-H and was an honoree for the *Outstanding County 4-H Hall of Fame* her senior year. Ann was a life-long member of the Warren Church of Christ where she was baptized and was always willing to serve others. It is said that she inherited the gift of ‘visiting’ with people of all ages, from her father, Ralph.

After high school Ann continued her love for education at Western Oklahoma State College where she obtained an associate degree. She went on to attend Southwestern Oklahoma State University where she obtained a bachelor’s and master’s degree. Her teaching career began with positions at Roosevelt School, Southside School, and later at Navajo School where she accepted a full-time faculty position in 1998. Like most in the world of education, Ann had many roles including school bus driver. She taught multiple generations of youth in various classrooms during her tenure. A few of her students describe her no-nonsense classroom rules, quick wit, and genuine care for them after graduation the very essence of Ms. Winters. Her expectations were high for those she taught, and her grace knew no bounds. Her teaching went beyond the classroom curriculum and her assigned students. Ann was always willing to assist anyone in the student body as well as her faculty peers.

Ann was an avid animal lover and enjoyed fishing, hiking, arrowhead hunting, and collecting various rocks. Her true passion was spent time with nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. She poured into them and spent her life nurturing and loving them as her own. To some she was more like a grandma than an aunt. Ann passed away at home at the age of 57, and will be deeply missed by all.

Ann was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Mary Jo. Her kindred spirit will live on in her brothers, Gary Winters and wife, Ida Fay, Mike Winters, and Richard Winters and wife, Susan; nephews and nieces, Weston, Warren, Russell, Rachel, Joann, Dana, and David; numerous great nephews and nieces; an abundance of Navajo students; and many friends.