



Billy Sue Holt

September 2, 1959 - December 3, 2025

Billy Holt, age 66, of Proctor, Oklahoma, passed away December 3, 2025, at home. She was born in Siloam Springs, Arkansas to Lester Calvin (Leck) Holt and Audrey May Downing Holt on September 2, 1959. Billy grew up and graduated high school in Westville, Oklahoma and earned her degree in journalism at the University of Arkansas. Her career in journalism included working for the Cherokee Advocate, The Westville Reporter, Lincoln Leader, and The Herald Democrat in Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

She went on to earn her Licensed Physical Therapy Assistant degree working in Northwest Arkansas and Northeastern Oklahoma. Her special love was working with children with physical therapy needs, and she was active in the Oklahoma Special Olympics for many years. Billy was an avid outdoor enthusiast and loved cycling, hiking, running, gardening, and everything nature. She also loved art, music and was a talented photographer. She was proud of her Cherokee heritage and was the outgoing president of the Goingsnake District Heritage Association. Billy leaves behind a large circle of family, friends and special people in her life. Billy was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Vivian Cox; her brother Ted Thurman; her niece Terry Yeargain.

She is survived by her husband, Ben Ross of the home; her sister, Cindy Kane of Oklahoma City; sister-in-Law, Carrie Thurman of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; best friend Bill Gibson of Westville, Oklahoma; special friends, Shelia Gibe and Eileen Wright; nieces, Tracey Terrel of Oklahoma City,

Oklahoma, Terri Durand (Walt) of New Jersey, and Debbie Brown of California; her nephew Max Jones (Vicky) of Watts, Oklahoma; her stepdaughters, Star Brooks (Marshall) of Tahlequah, Oklahoma, and Cherika Ross of Tahlequah, Oklahoma; stepsons; Alex and Evan Sellers of Minnesota; cousins, Jack Baker, Marjorie Hill, Kenny Crittenden (Katie); as well as many step-grandchildren of Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

A visitation is scheduled from 6:00 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at Wasson Funeral Home in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. A Funeral service is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at Wasson Funeral home in Siloam Springs, Arkansas with interment to follow at Sands Cemetery in Chewy, Oklahoma.

In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Oklahoma Special Olympics, 6835 S. Canton, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74136.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **9**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home
441 U.S. 412
Siloam Springs, AR 72761
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Funeral Service

DEC **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Committal

DEC **10** (CT)

Sands Cemetery
Sands Cemetery
Chewey Cemetery
Chewey, OK

Tribute Wall

MS

“ My sincere sympathy to Billy's loved ones. I worked with Billy in the 1990's at a PT clinic. She was a wonderful, sweet person. Sad to hear of her passing. Mike Scarbrough

Mike Scarbrough - January 06 at 09:24 PM

FB

“ Billy, always bright ray of sunshine and about the business of lifting others up... no matter how sick she was... what a shining example, from a fellow cancer warrior. 💕 Fran B.

Fran Blackfox - December 09, 2025 at 07:42 PM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Billy Sue Holt.



December 09, 2025 at 07:08 PM

CF

“ Cameron Jones & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billy Sue Holt.

Cameron Jones & Family - December 09, 2025 at 07:08 PM

PM

“ Peter and Diane Dickinson (In Loving Memory) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billy Sue Holt.

Peter and Diane Dickinson (In Loving Memory) - December 09, 2025 at 03:49 PM

RC

“ *Enjoyed serving with you for the past two years as Goingsnake District Heritage Association Board.
You will be missed!! Praying for your family!!
Do Na Da Go Hv I WaDo*



Rocky & Connie Carroll - December 08, 2025 at 08:09 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Billy Sue Holt.*



December 08, 2025 at 01:12 PM

DP

“ *David and Kathy Pruitt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billy Sue Holt.*

David and Kathy Pruitt - December 08, 2025 at 01:12 PM



“ *Lavender & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Billy Sue Holt.*



December 08, 2025 at 12:23 PM

GG

“ Gary Gibson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billy Sue Holt.

Gary Gibson - December 08, 2025 at 12:23 PM

VJ

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Vicky Jones - December 06, 2025 at 08:49 PM



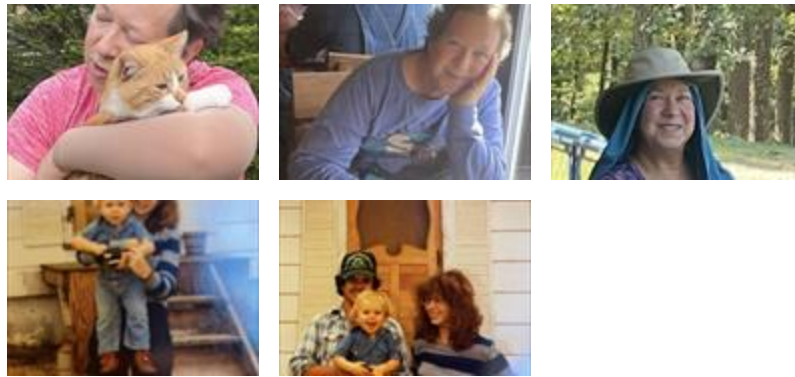
“ *Billy was a bright star here on earth. She left this world too soon, but we know she is up there shining brightly.*

She was full of vim and vigor and always ready for an adventure, and that is the way she will be remembered.

We know she’s up there planting gardens, reading, writing wonderful books, having adventures, and of course; surrounded by wonderful pets.

She will be greatly missed.

Max and Vicky Jones



Vicky Jones - December 06, 2025 at 08:21 PM

Faithful people get their hearts hurt too.
Faithful people have been over looked too.
Faithful people have been abused too.
Faithful people are misunderstood too.
Faithful people experience loss too.
Faithful people go through tragedy too.
Faithful people could have excuses to quit their just refuse to use.

“ *Ike Shelia Whitten Mcnutt lit a candle in memory of Billy Sue Holt*



Ike Shelia Whitten Mcnutt - December 06, 2025 at 12:49 PM

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“ Went to school together . Billy Sue was such a sweetheart and very smart. Im not surprised to see what great accomplishments she did in her life time. So sorry to hear and prayers for family.

Ike Shelia Whitten Mcnutt - December 06, 2025 at 12:49 PM

EC

“ So sorry of the loss of my sweet old friend Billy Sue. She was such a kind soul and special friend to me. She will be GREATLY missed by everyone who knew her. May the peace and comfort of JESUS be with her whole family and friends now in their time of need.



Earlene A Craft - December 05, 2025 at 11:29 PM

GG

“ She fought a good fight but the odds were too much. Proud to have had her as a friend. She was an outstanding person and would do anything for her friends. She will be so missed.

Glenita Guthrie - December 05, 2025 at 08:25 PM