



## Clara June Swank

September 12, 1941 - June 28, 2019

Clara June Swank, 77 year old resident of Watts, Oklahoma, died on June 28, 2019 at Siloam Springs Regional Hospital. She was born on September 12, 1941 in Adair County, Oklahoma, to Carl Grisham and Lucille Robertson Grisham. Clara graduated from Watts High School. She went to school in Joplin, Missouri and received her nursing license. Clara became a licensed practical nurse and went to work for City Hospital in Fayetteville and Woodland Manor Nursing Home in Siloam Springs. She married Ben Wortman on December 24, 1980 in San Jose, California, and they were married for 13 years before his death. After working as a nurse for many years, Clara changed careers and went to work for Arkansas State Bank as a bookkeeper. She married Jerry Swank on June 5, 1994 in Siloam Springs.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Ben Wortman; second husband, Jerry Swank; and her parents.

She is survived by her son, DeWayne Leggett of Watts; daughter, Shawn Kauffeld and husband Jamie of Watts; five grandchildren; three great grandchildren; sister, Wilma Baldrige and husband Orvel of Tahlequah, Oklahoma; brother, Tommy Grisham and wife Julie of North Carolina; several stepchildren, step grandchildren, and step great grandchildren; niece, Melissa Grisham; and nephew, Shane Grisham and wife Jessica.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 3, 2019 at Wasson Funeral Home in Siloam Springs, with Pastor Terry Wofford and Jay Hannah officiating. Burial will follow at Johnson Cemetery in West Siloam Springs, Oklahoma.

# Cemetery Details

## Johnson Cemetery

Johnson Cemetery  
West Siloam Springs, OK

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall

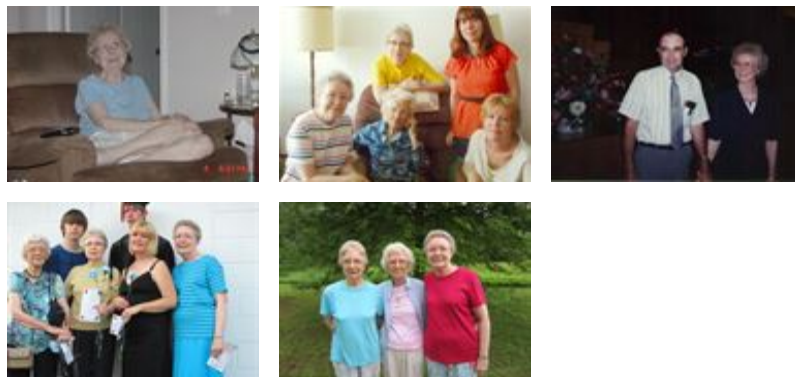
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“ Love you sister.....always have....always will!!!!  
:) DeeDee

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June Swank



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“ There was a point in my life that I had no where to go and Clara took me in. I had been told that I was worthless and ugly and stupid. Clara told me that I was valuable, smart and beautiful. She invited me into her life and into her home. She took care of me and protected me. She listened as I shared my heartbreak, anger, and fear. When I was horrified to have a baby, because I had been told that if you are abused as a child, you will abuse your own child. She sat down and talked me through it. She let me know that the people that face what happened to them, and work through it, are the ones least likely to abuse their children. I can't count the times that she made me feel like I was someone that mattered. She didn't care what I looked like or what I did. She loved me anyway. I had never experienced this before. She believed in me and she fought for me. What a feisty lady. I never saw her back down from anything she believed in. In part, I owe where I am today, to Clara. She has and will always have a piece of my heart. She inspired me to be the best I can be and to go after what I believe in. She showed me that I could be tough, yet still be a lady. We lost a treasure the day dear Clara left this world. She will be missed, but always remembered.  
Joy Thomas

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