



Claudine Hilderbrand

September 20, 1948 - June 17, 2026

It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts, that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, Claudine Hilderbrand.

She went to be with the Lord peacefully on June 17, 2026 at the age of 77 years young, surrounded by family and friends.

She was born to Price and Gladys (Sharp) Hilderbrand on September 20, 1948, in Tahlequah, OK. She was raised in Anderson, MO, where she picked strawberries for Roark Farms and raised a family. She later moved to Jay, OK, and cared for her Uncle Squeeze.

She loved her family and friends dearly. She enjoyed working on jigsaw puzzles, hunting wild onions and mushrooms, going to the casino, flea marketing, and going to yard sales with her two younger sisters. They were known as the “Golden Girls” and “The Three Musketeers.”

She was very proud of her Cherokee heritage and was a fluent Cherokee speaker. She was a member of the United Keetoowah Tribe. She was proud to have been a volunteer to help in cooking for the Joplin tornado survivors and volunteers.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Robert Hildebrand, a daughter, Carol Gallardo, a granddaughter, Brandy Cox, a brother-in-law, Rick Hiett, and a daughter-in-law, Karen Gallardo.

She is survived by two daughters, Clara McMahan and Danny Rearick, of Pineville, MO; Amanda Arneecher and husband, Kenny, of Jay, OK; 2 sons, Albert Gallardo and partner, Tina Kaler, of Anderson, MO; Willie Gallardo of

Jay, OK; three sisters, Clandia Prater and husband, Jason, of Reno, NV; Ailene Hiatt of Anderson, MO; Geraldine Hilderbrand, of Anderson, MO; three brothers, Bobby Hilderbrand of Jay, OK; Glenn Hilderbrand and wife, Lisa, of Goodman, MO; and Wayne Hilderbrand and wife, Cindy, of Grove, OK; Aunt Nancy Letonsa of Portland, OR; Dan Weaver and wife, Diane, of Langston, AL, who held a special place in her heart and their second mother; along with eleven grandchildren; twenty great grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and countless friends.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.