



## Charlsia Bernice Henderson

April 23, 1928 - March 5, 2024

Charlsia Bernice (Tallent) Henderson was born on April 23, 1928, to Mark and Oma (Underwood) Tallent. She was born on the family farm Northeast of Anadarko. She was delivered by Mrs. Jim Turnbill. She passed from this life on March 5, 2024, at her home in Fort Cobb, Oklahoma, at the age of 95. Bernice and her family moved to the Fort Cobb area when she was around 5 years old and she attended the Fort Cobb Public school until the 3rd grade. They moved back to the Anadarko area and she graduated from the Washita High School in 1946.

Bernice married the love of her life Robert Glen "Nig" Henderson on August 23, 1947, in Wichita Falls, Texas. Their first home was on the Henderson home place where they farmed with the Henderson family. They were married for 59 years before Nig's passing in 2005. Bernice and Nig did not have children of their own but claimed a lot of nieces and nephews as theirs and loved them all dearly.

Bernice and Nig moved to Hog Creek to farm. She collapsed hoeing cotton and Nig told her "we are done farming" so the couple sold out to another family member and they went to work for Sprigg and Henwood a drilling company for the government for 13 years. They came home to Fort Cobb in 1963 and made their home on South 3rd Street.

At this time Bernice went to work for Ratliff Grocery Store for the next 22 years. She loved to meet the public and missed it dearly when she retired. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Stars for over 50 years. She

held every office of her chapter in Fort Cobb. She belonged to the Fort Cobb Improvement Club where she served as president and secretary. Bernice was also a member of the Fort Cobb Church of Christ and attended pretty regularly. The Church of Christ family was very special to her. She especially loved Billy Clabough, Jonathan Zerbey and Don Tyson.

"Aunt Bea" was Queen of the glue gun. She was very crafty and made Easter and Christmas decorations every year. She was responsible for the families Memorial Decorations that she helped put out each year. She also would make all the children in the church candy filled baskets each year. The last time she made baskets at was last Christmas. She decorated 175 red Solo cups filled with candy and colored pencils for the Washita Valley Bank, everyone at the Church of Christ, and everyone at the Emergency Dept where Nancy works.

Bernice is preceded in death by her husband, RG "Nig" Henderson, her parents, Mark and Oma (Underwood) Tallent, her brothers, Bill Tallent, Donald Tallent, and Marvin Tallent, her sisters, Lucille Rooney, Doris Nixon, and Joyce Ratliff.

Bernice is survived by numerous nieces and nephews from the Tallent and Henderson families.

A funeral service for Bernice is set to begin at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, March 7, 2024, at the Fort Cobb Church of Christ, with Billy Clabough officiating. She will be laid to rest next to her husband Nig at the Oak Grove Cemetery in Fort Cobb, Oklahoma following the service.

Services are under the direction of the Fort Cobb Funeral Home in Fort Cobb, Oklahoma. Condolences may be made to the family online at [www.smithfuneralservices.com](http://www.smithfuneralservices.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ *KELLY DAVIS SMITH lit a candle in memory of Charlsia Bernice Henderson*



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**KELLY DAVIS SMITH** - March 09, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Love and Prayers!!!*



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**Bill Reedy** - March 07, 2024 at 12:00 AM