

Georgia Pearl Gallegos

September 7, 1922 - March 9, 2022

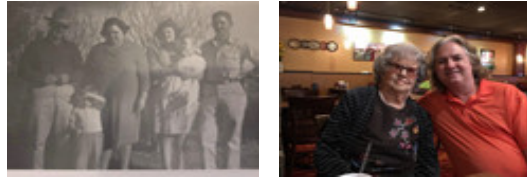
Georgia Pearl Gallegos, 99 year old great great granddaughter of Black Beaver, and great granddaughter of Lucy Jane Black Beaver, passed away on March 9, 2022. She was born September 7, 1922 in the home of her grandparents in Verden, Oklahoma to Emory Oscar Taylor and Grace McClain Taylor. She graduated from Verden High School in 1942 and attended Cameron College in Lawton, Oklahoma. Soon after high school she met Joshua Peterson VanDeman, they married, and a son was born. World War II raged the world over and very soon J.P. was shipped off to the war in Europe for a period of three years. Upon his return another son was born. Time passed, and the marriage ended. Georgia then attended nursing school in Lawton and became an LPN. But instead of becoming a nurse she became a social worker/counselor at Riverside Indian School and worked there until retirement. The native american kids, who knew her as Miss Chrismon, loved her and she loved them. Of the many things Georgia did in her life, above all, she was a strong and proud member of the Delaware Nation and a great friend to native americans of all tribes. After her retirement from Riverside, she worked for a short time at Wal-Mart, then became the AOA director for the Delaware Nation and eventually retired from that position. She liked painting, beadwork, knitting, sewing, and she was very good at those things. Georgia was a member of the First Baptist Church of Anadarko, and during her sons adolescence she taught Sunday School classes. Georgia is survived by her two sons: Jim R. VanDeman and wife Delores, of Sickles, Oklahoma and

Charles E. VanDeman and wife, Barbara of St. Louis, Missouri; 3 grandchildren: Brent VanDeman and wife, Dana, and 2 great granddaughters: Savanna and Serria of Waddell, Arizona, Jason VanDeman and wife, Rachele and great granddaughter, Milan and great grandson, Cairo of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, Nathan VanDeman and wife, Maria and 2 great grandsons: Nicholas and Joshua of St. Louis, Missouri as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. She especially loved her niece, Carol Ann Jared of Anadarko, OK. Georgia is preceded in death by her parents; her husbands; sister, Mattie Lou Taylor and brothers: CW Taylor and Charles C. Taylor. Graveside services will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at the Memory Lane Cemetery in Anadarko, OK. Rev. Dennis King will officiate. Services are under the direction of Smith Funeral Home, Anadarko, Oklahoma. Heartfelt thanks to the nurses and aides of Binger Nursing Home, and a heartfelt thanks to the nurses of Russell-Murray Hospice. Also, special thanks to Ally Home Health Care for their years of diligent care. All did a wonderful job of taking care of Georgia while in her hours of her need. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.smithfuneralservices.com

Tribute Wall



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Smith Funeral Home & Fort Cobb Funeral Home - April 09, 2024 at 04:11 PM

SH

“ Georgia , we had so much fun on weekends, Lady. Luv & miss you. & our outings.

Sharon Hightower - January 19, 2024 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ You Were Very Special, I Appreciated the talks and your Advice and sharing your Wisdom. I will see you again one day. My Love and Prayers are with your sons.

Bill Reedy - March 14, 2022 at 12:00 AM

ZT

“ In memory of a remarkable woman and beloved Delaware Tribal Elder , from Zack Taylor and Benlian Gao.

Zack Taylor - March 12, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Until we meet again cousin, will love you always.

Marla - March 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *Wanishi Thank you for the love and kindness you shared these many years aunt Georgia, I always looked forward to visiting with you, you could brighten up a whole room with no effort, I will miss you in this earth walk, but, what joy when our spirit walk is resumed Lápìch knewël*

Jerry Don Taylor - March 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

ZT

“ *Wanish Aunt Georgia, for your love and wisdom for nearly 100 years! You told me when dad died that you were now my Indian Mother. I was blessed in that and will be thankful all my days.*

Zack Taylor - March 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM