



Margaret L. Bell

October 24, 1935 - October 13, 2013

Margaret L. "Joyce" Bell, 77, entered into rest at her home, surrounded by her family, on Sunday, October 13th, 2013, after an extended illness. She was born on October 24, 1935 in Lawton, Oklahoma to Issac H. and Flora Bell (Campbell) Gabbard. Margaret married Jerry D. Bell on June 20, 1964 at the Wichita Mission in Anadarko, OK. They have been married for over 49 years. She obtained a BS in Business Administration and served in various fields of administration and management that included; Tribal Administrator for the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes and Delaware Nation, Vice President and President of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes. She served as director of the WCD (Wichita, Caddo, Delaware) Community Development Health Services Management Program and was the director of WCD Community Health Services. She was Human Resources Consultant, Personnel Management Specialist, Budget Assistant, Budget Analyst and Conveyances Examiner, all with the Bureau of Indian Affairs Area Office. She worked as Personnel Assistant and Personnel Director for Sequoyah Carpet Mills. Her other experience involved working as a secretary/steno for Facilities Engineering and also for the Branch of Transportation at the Bureau of Indian Affairs Area Office. Margaret was past Worthy Matron of Chapter 101 Order of the Eastern Star in Anadarko, Oklahoma. Her honors, activities and achievement while obtaining her degree include her membership in Alpha Lambda Delta, a scholastic fraternity and Phi Beta Lambda a business fraternity, Hypatia Honor Society, and Honorary Scholastic Society of the University of Science and Arts

of Oklahoma, recognized in the University community as the most noteworthy honor to which a student may aspire. Membership is governed by the same requirements as Phi Beta Kappa. She was nominated for Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges, 1983-1984. She also served as President of the Federal Women's Program, Bureau of Indian Affairs. She taught one semester of Business Communications at the Kiowa Adult Education facility in Carnegie, OK to members of the Kiowa Tribe per request of the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma. Margaret served on the Wichita Tribe Industrial Development Commission Board and the Wichita Gaming Commission Board. She was a past Wichita Tribal Princess. She was a member of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribe of Oklahoma and the First Baptist Church in Anadarko, Oklahoma. She lived in the Anadarko area most of her life. She is survived by: Her husband, Jerry D. Bell, of the home in Anadarko, Oklahoma 3 daughters: Katherine L. Bell-Cunningham, Anadarko, Oklahoma Pamela K. Pogue and husband, Brian, Chickasha, Oklahoma Jerri D. Bell-Davis, Anadarko, Oklahoma 2 grandchildren: Nikala Moore and Autumn Moore, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 1 sister: Grace L. Fields, Anadarko, Oklahoma She was preceded in death by: her parents, Ike and Flora Gabbard and 2 brothers; Otto Gabbard and James "Gene" Gabbard Funeral Services: 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 16, 2013 First Baptist Church, Anadarko, Oklahoma Officiating: Rev. Mike Allred Interment: Memory Lane Cemetery, Anadarko, Oklahoma Services under the direction of Smith Funeral Home, Anadarko, Oklahoma. Family and friends may send messages of condolences to: www.smithfuneralservices.com

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. Bell just want to say I'm sorry for your lost and that I am praying for you and your daughters... Margaret was always there for my mom Mary and my aunt Midge she is going to be miss greatly if there is anything I can do please let me know*

Lisa Wetselline - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Margaret taught me how to navigate the BIA, how Tribal Government should work, life lessons as well as punctuation. HA! I was truly blessed to have her as a friend. Her work here is done and now, she has been given her reward. God Bless you.*

Larry Snake - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM