



Josephine Davenport

October 5, 1928 - June 12, 2026

Josephine Gillespey Davenport went to meet Jesus on June 12, 2026.

Josephine, known as “Jo”, was a strong woman who loved her family, friends and her savior and LORD.

Jo was born on October 5, 1928, in Nowata, OK to parents Joseph and Lucille Gillespey. She was the oldest of five sisters: Betty Jo Gray (deceased), Mary Lou Burdett, Judy Ann Jones, and Karen Kay Miller.

She often spoke of her school years with fond memories of Nowata High Band where she played saxophone with an all male dance band. She loved telling stories about working at the Nowata Star, riding the trolley car to Coffeyville, KS. She was also proud of her Delaware ancestry with ties thru her great-great-grandfather, Isaac Journeycake, who was a brother to Chief Charles Journeycake.

Josephine met her husband, James Allen Davenport (deceased), in Elmore City, OK, where she moved with her family after graduation in 1946. She was mother to three children, Cynthia Deleese James (Jim James) who preceded her in death, Colleen Renee’ Montgomery (Tom Montgomery), and Mark Anthony “Tony” Davenport (Janice), who had fond memories of their childhood.

Jo graduated from Pampa General Hospital as an LVN in 1969. She built the first nursing home, "Twilight Acres", in Pampa, Texas and was administrator for years of two homes. She then went on to work at both hospitals in Pampa.

She loved gardening, sewing clothes when her children were young, traveling with Jim to various oil fields he worked, teaching Sunday school, and watching football.

Josephine lived independently until September 2025, when she moved into her daughter's home for closer supervision. She will be remembered for having a smile to share and her wonderful sense of humor.

Josephine is also survived by four grandchildren: Alicia Donathan (DJ Mitchell), Cherity Walker (Bobby Walker), Amber Highfill (Randy Highfill), and Hope Littlefield (Jason Littlefield). She was preceded in death by her grandson Nathan Davenport.

Over the years she had ten great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren, which she always enjoyed getting 5th generation photos with.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **16**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stumpff-Nowata Funeral Home
620 E Cherokee Ave
Nowata, OK 74048
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Funeral Service

JUN **17**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



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Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - June 18 at 10:15 AM

RD

Beautiful Momma

Ruby Drakeford - June 18 at 11:11 AM

KB

It was an honor to have met and spent time with Josephine. What a beautiful lady who led an amazing life. My prayers are with all of her family.

Kelli Burtrum - June 20 at 02:28 AM

AM

“ *I love you Grandma.... Although our hearts are sad, I know you have so much joy as you are reunited with so many loved ones and Grandad. Watch over us from Heaven.~ love Amber*

Amber - June 16 at 06:00 PM

CW

“ *Being your granddaughter was truly one of the best parts of my life. I am so blessed to have you as a grandma.*

I will hold on to the wonderful stories and memories, cherishing them all (even the ones about when I got into trouble) until the day comes when I see you again.

You are now walking the streets of Gold with Granddad.

*Love you always,
Cherity*

Cherity Walker - June 15 at 07:01 PM

TM

“ *Tom Montgomery sent a virtual gift in memory of Josephine Davenport*



Tom Montgomery - June 15 at 04:50 PM

DK

I remember this story that Miss Joe told how her and her husband owned this nursing home. And every time she look for the nurse she would be sleeping. So one day she pinned this note on her that said, "When you wake up you're fired". She was a character. I love Miss Joe so much. I could listen to her stories all day long. I love you so much Miss Joe. Someday I will see you in Heaven.

Debra K Kester - June 16 at 12:17 AM

TM

“ Always greeted you with a Smile. She would always say, well how are you doing today? We welcomed her into our home. She would call me Tom Boy and I would call her LiL Josey Wells. Will miss you Josey! Yor Son-In-Law Tom

Tom Montgomery - June 15 at 04:50 PM

JC

My condolences to your family. My husband, Richard the Gillespie girls in high esteem as neighbors.

Juanita Clark - June 16 at 08:57 AM