



## Marcia Jean Beland

April 16, 1945 - January 14, 2023

Marcia Jean (Wood) Beland, 77, was called home by the Lord on Saturday, January 14, 2023. Funeral services will be held Friday, January 20, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Hillside Christian Church in Nowata with Pastor Van Longbons officiating.

Marcia Jean (Wood) Beland was born April 16, 1945 in Winfield, KS, to Jim Wood and Jean McCarty Wood. She grew up on the farm with her parents, two brothers and a sister, where she learned a hard day's work at a young age. Marcia married Don Valentine and had two children, Angie and Shane. She remarried later in life to Leon Beland who had three children.

As a young girl, Marcia was her daddy's shadow: where he went, she went, what he did, she did. It wasn't until age 16 that she wanted to learn to ride a horse. Her dad told her she could barrel race on "Pistol", who turned out to be outstanding, and Marcia never looked back. She was also competitive when it came to ribbon running, and was known to be one of, if not the fastest. Marcia was a member of several rodeo associations throughout her life, winning numerous awards, buckles, and finished her career with a saddle. The friendships and memories she made along the way were far greater than any award she could have won.

Apart from rodeo, Marcia enjoyed music and dancing. She won the monthly Hi-Fi Hop which was a dance competition that was broadcasted on live television every Saturday night in Wichita, KS. She was also talented when it came to painting, leather projects, and woodworking. Many will remember

Marcia for the quality of her work and the thoughtfulness that went into it. Throughout the years, Marcia cherished her time spent with friends and family. She had a group of best friends that she traveled with, and would go on weekly adventures. Family get togethers were known to bring out her competitive nature as she took card playing very seriously. In 2021, Marcia moved from Nowata, right next door to her grandson in Oologah. It was there on the ranch where she was able to spend nearly every day beside family and spend quality time with her great-granddaughters, Josie and Kate. This brought her great joy. If she wasn't out writing cattle weights or mowing her lawn, Marcia could be seen driving across the yard in the Jeep with the girls in tow.

Marcia was a long-time member of the Hillside Christian Church in Nowata, OK. She will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her children: Angie (Rick) Harmon of Talala, OK., and Shane Valentine of Kansas.; Step-children: Blaine Beland, Brittney Schmidt, and Brooke Smith of Arkansas.; Grandchildren: Todd (Samantha) Harmon of Oologah, OK., Andy (Nikki) Harmon of Springfield, MO., and Taylor Valentine of Kansas.; Six great-grandchildren.; Two brothers: Jerry (Jeannette) Wood of Pomona, KS., Johnny Wood of Wynnewood, OK., One sister: Deanna Wood of Jay, OK.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Leon Beland; and parents Jim and Jean Wood.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Millenium Hospice.

# Cemetery Details

## Ball Cemetery

N419 Rd  
Nowata, OK 74048

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 20. 2:00 PM (CT)

Hillside Christian Church  
1348 W Davis Dr  
Nowata, OK 74048  
(918) 273-1278

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jeri McCarty lit a candle in memory of Marcia Jean Beland* ”



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**Jeri McCarty** - April 12 at 12:44 PM



“ *Marcia Jean Beland* ”

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October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Marcia Jean Beland* ”

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October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marcia Jean Beland.* ”



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January 20, 2023 at 08:31 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Marcia Jean Beland.*



January 19, 2023 at 10:30 AM



“ *Marcia was a great neighbor. When we moved in next door she taught us how to safely burn our pastures. She came about 10 PM to help me doctor a mare that had been hurt by flying metal in a storm. We were blessed by her and Leon.*

**Glenda Bolinger** - January 18, 2023 at 05:46 PM



“ *I remember she always had a smile and a kind word for anyone she met..Prayers to her family and friends.*

**Dyan Kreder** - January 18, 2023 at 12:07 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Marcia Jean Beland.*



January 18, 2023 at 11:46 AM



“ *Marcia was such a nice lady to be around, always had a smile and a kind word. Prayers for her family as she will be missed*

**Kendra Bennett McKinzie** - January 17, 2023 at 08:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marcia Jean Beland.*



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January 17, 2023 at 04:18 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Marcia Jean Beland.*



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January 17, 2023 at 03:20 PM



“ *My parents thought the world of Marcia. After my mom's passing, my dad cherished the many dinners he shared with Marcia, Danny and Kate. I will miss running into her and hearing about her sweet grands.*

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**Dana Hayes-Bowen** - January 17, 2023 at 02:40 PM



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**Dan Hayes Bowen** - January 17, 2023 at 02:40 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Marcia Jean Beland.*



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January 17, 2023 at 01:52 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Marcia Jean Beland.*



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January 17, 2023 at 01:45 PM