



Marie Blackburn Puckett

May 12, 1928 - December 19, 2024

Marie Blackburn Puckett of Bartlesville, OK died December 19, 2024 at age 96.

Marie was born May 12th, 1928, in Borger Texas to Nestor and Freida Coronis Gikas the youngest of six children. She graduated from Borger High School and went on to study Art and Architecture at Texas Tech in Lubbock.

Marie returned to Borger and met her future husband, Joseph Thomas (JT) Blackburn, Jr. while both were working for Phillips Petroleum Co.

They were married in January of 1952 at St. John's Catholic Church. While living in Borger, Marie and JT had five children. Marie helped design the new St. John's Catholic Church building and designed and sculpted the wood "Stations of the Cross" which remain in the church today.

In 1964, the family moved to Bartlesville Oklahoma. They were members of St. James Catholic Church. Marie taught art at St. James School and designed and sewed banners for the church. She continued her own art in acrylics, oil and terracotta sculpture. She made illustrations and silkscreened posters for local ballet performances. Marie was a longtime member of the Bartlesville Art Association (serving as president from 1969-1970) and participated in many local art exhibitions.

Marie loved concerts, theater and the ballet. She was a member of Nellie Johnstone Questers and the Tuesday Club. She also enjoyed socializing, gardening and flower arranging. Marie and JT participated in the Thirty Couples dance group.

Marie and Robert Andrew Puckett were married in August of 1999 at St. James Church. They had a special relationship having both lost their longtime partners.

Marie was preceded in death by husband J.T. Blackburn Jr. and husband Robert Andrew Puckett, son Paul Allan Blackburn and daughter Patty Sue Blackburn.

Survivors include: Daughters Kathryn Kindred and husband Jim, Marilyn Luther, Barbara Cooledge and husband Nathan, stepsons Bruce Puckett and wife Debbie, Bill Puckett and wife Dee, Jim Puckett and wife Darla, and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial donations to Elder Care of Bartlesville.

Previous Events

Memorial

JUN 21. 11:30 AM (CT)

St John's Catholic Church
715 S Johnstone Ave
Bartlesville, OK 74003
(918) 336-4353

Tribute Wall

BC

“ *Marie and Robert Andrews Puckett were married later in life. They were very happy together.* ”



Barbara Cooledge - June 30, 2025 at 07:26 PM

BC

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall* ”



Barbara Cooledge - June 24, 2025 at 01:13 AM

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“ *JT and Marie Blackburn's wedding day* ”



Barbara Cooledge - January 04, 2025 at 03:18 PM

EL

“ After Marie entered a nursing home, she was generous with her love and her talent. Showing compassion, empathy and understanding, she helped new residents adjust to their new home. With her artistic talent, she created portraits of many residents, their family members, and people on staff. She was loved and appreciated by many people, and I feel lucky and honored to be one of them. I miss her.

Eloise - December 21, 2024 at 09:44 PM

ML

Eloise, thank you for your friendship and support to mother and our family these last many years.

Marilyn Luther - December 31, 2024 at 03:56 PM

LS

Aunt Marie was so kind and a loving person to me. She was so gracious and modess always. What gifts of her artistic talents to so many. She is so missed and was loved very much by our family and so many. What a wonderful legacy for my Cousins and her Grandchildren who always show such loving grace and kindness to others. God's Blessings always! Love, Loretta Jean (McKelvey) Stutsman. 🙏🏠🕊️

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Loretta Jean (McKelvey) Stutsman - January 03, 2025 at 11:46 PM

BC

Thank you Loretta for sharing with kindness your memories.

Barbara Cooledge - January 04, 2025 at 03:10 PM

NC

I have known Marie for well over forty years, first as a wayward teenage and then as her son in law. Marie was always there for our family. The unconditional love and support was exemplary! The caring of others was equally impressive. She gave of herself like no other. I will miss her.

Nathan Cooledge - January 12, 2025 at 11:02 AM