



## Ermalene (Henry) Godwin

October 10, 1935 - March 18, 2025

Ermalene (Henry) Godwin “Grandma Sweetie Pie” was born on October 10, 1935, and raised in Lindsay, Oklahoma. She Lived in OKC for 35 years and retired in Lindsay area after working for White Motor Corporation for almost 20 years.

In high school not only was she Salutatorian; she also captained the Lindsay Leopard’s Basketball and Softball teams. Ermalene was an avid sports fan who enjoyed watching college and professional sports, especially her beloved OKC Thunder.

Ermalene served as President of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, where she helped raise funds for numerous community projects, including Lindsay EMS. She was also a member of the Lindsay Historical Society and contributed to fundraising efforts for the repair of the Lindsay Murray Mansion.

Ermalene had a passion for reading, cooking, gardening, and canning vegetables from her garden. She learned canning from her mother, Jessie, and proudly passed it down to her children and grandchildren.

Ermalene’s grandchildren affectionately named her Grandma Sweetie Pie, a name that perfectly captured her warmth and love. She embraced this title with joy, always making sure her family felt cherished and supported.

In Ermalene's own words, her greatest accomplishment was seeing her

children and grandchildren grow up to become successful members of their community. Her life and actions were truly inspirational and exemplified the strength of kindness.

James and Ermalene were married in The First Baptist Church of Lindsay on June 24, 1953. They would have celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary this June.

Left to cherish Ermalene's memory is her husband, James Godwin, her children, Pamela (Dann) Welch, Beth (Paul) Cossu, Terry (Gail) Godwin, Angie Godwin, and Greg (Johnett) Godwin, her siblings, Ellen Madden, Joyce Cornforth, Lloyd Henry and Carol Jean Gaddis, her grandchildren, Julie & Eli, Alicia & Phillip, Meghan & Jacob, Lauren & Ben, Madelyn & Eric, Stephen, Jessie, Cory, Tanner & Emily Anne, Jordan & Ryan, Hunter, Cecily & Caleb, Ashia, and Cooper, her great-grandchildren, Cruz, Tatum, Tucker, Hudson, Ryker, Sloane, Stella, Phoenix, Gus, Lyle, Sterling, Josephine, Ivy, Champ, Walt, and Henry.

Ermalene is preceded in death by her parents, Jessie Henry and Charlie Henry, her siblings, Ray Henry, Lois Ann McGee, and Annabelle Shockley.

A visitation will be held from 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. on Sunday, March 23, 2025, at Wilbourn Family Funeral Home Chapel.

A funeral service to honor Ermalene is set to begin at 2:00 P.M., on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at the First Baptist Church in Lindsay, Oklahoma. She will be laid to rest at the Green Hill Cemetery in Lindsay, Oklahoma.

Arrangements are under the direction of Scott and Angel Wilbourn of Wilbourn Family Funeral Home in Lindsay, Oklahoma. Condolences may be made to the family online at [www.wilbournfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilbournfamilyfuneralhome.com)



# Cemetery Details

## Green Hill Cemetery

100th Street  
Lindsay, OK 73052

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 23. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Wilbourn Family Funeral Home (Lindsay)  
308 S.W. 3rd  
Lindsay, OK 73052  
(405) 756-2143  
[info@wilbournfamilyfh.com](mailto:info@wilbournfamilyfh.com)  
<http://www.wilbournfamilyfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

MAR 25. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
401 sw 3rd St.,  
Lindsay, OK 73052

# Tribute Wall

RH

“ Rick H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ermalene (Henry) Godwin.

Rick H. - March 25, 2025 at 03:19 PM

RS

“ Even though I never met Greg's mother Ermalene, I want to express my deepest condolences for his loss. I truly appreciate the honor of being Greg's colleague and coworker. My prayers are with the Godwin family during this difficult time. May Ermalene's memory be a blessing.



-- Rostyslav (Rosty) Shiller

Rosty Shiller - March 25, 2025 at 11:34 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ermalene (Henry) Godwin.



March 24, 2025 at 03:32 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ermalene (Henry) Godwin.



March 23, 2025 at 03:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ermalene (Henry) Godwin.

March 22, 2025 at 06:49 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ermalene (Henry) Godwin.



March 22, 2025 at 06:49 PM



“ Rachael Gideo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ermalene (Henry) Godwin.

**Rachael Gideo** - March 21, 2025 at 06:16 PM

RG

“ Rachael Gideo purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ermalene (Henry) Godwin.



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**Rachael Gideo** - March 21, 2025 at 06:16 PM

JC

“ Thought I never met Ermalene, I want to express my deepest condolences for this loss. Her son Greg has been an incredible mentor and friend to me for many years and I am truly grateful for the impact he's had on my life. My prayers are with the Godwin family during this difficult time. ~ Josh



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**Joshua Christie** - March 21, 2025 at 05:33 PM

BW

“ Barbara W. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ermalene (Henry) Godwin.

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**Barbara W.** - March 21, 2025 at 08:19 AM

JW

“ What a wonderful legacy she has left when she became an Angel looking over the family & friends she cherished so dearly 🙏🙏🙏🙏

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**Janice Waters** - March 21, 2025 at 07:06 AM

CM

“ *Ermaleen always had a wonderful personality. She was a cousin to my Mom, Leora England Cooper. Prayers for the family.*



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**Carolyn Malena-Franklin** - March 20, 2025 at 08:29 PM