



## Juanita Walker Nye

November 2, 1934 - February 14, 2023

Juanita (Walker) Nye died on February 14, 2023, at Brookdale Senior Living in Edmond, Oklahoma, at the age of 88. She was a longtime resident of Weatherford, Oklahoma, a retired Weatherford Public School elementary teacher, and the widow of Southwestern Oklahoma State University professor emeritus Dr. Jerry G. Nye.

Juanita was born on November 2, 1934, in LaFollette, Campbell County, Tennessee, to Rev. S. S. Walker and Amy (Warren) Walker. The family moved to Oklahoma during Juanita's early years, as Rev. Walker pastored Southern Baptist churches throughout the state. Juanita graduated from Cox City High School in Cox City, Oklahoma in 1953 and enrolled at East Central State College the following fall. While at East Central, she met Jerry Nye. They married on April 19, 1957, at the Boswell Memorial Chapel on the campus of East Central. Their marriage ceremony was the first wedding held at the Chapel and was officiated by Juanita's father, Rev. S. S. Walker. Juanita and Jerry would spend the next 57 years together until Jerry's death on February 24, 2015.

Juanita and Jerry shared teaching careers that led them to elementary, junior high, high school, and college campuses in Oklahoma and Colorado. Juanita taught general education, music, and home economics at public schools in Cox City, Burbank, and Morrison, Oklahoma in the 1950s and 1960s. She taught college home economics at Northern Oklahoma Junior College (now Northern Oklahoma College) in Tonkawa, Oklahoma; Colorado State College

of Education (now the University of Northern Colorado) in Greeley, Colorado; and Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Oklahoma, in the 1960s and 1970s. Juanita became an elementary teacher for Weatherford Public Schools in 1975 and retired in 1996 after 21 years of service.

Juanita and Jerry moved to Weatherford, Oklahoma, in August 1967 and remained residents of the city until their deaths. In Weatherford, they raised their family. They had two sons, Vance and Chad. Juanita and Jerry were both members of the First Baptist Church of Weatherford.

Juanita was preceded in death by her husband Dr. Jerry G. Nye; her parents, Rev. S. S. Walker and Amy (Warren) Walker; and her sister, Jeannine (Walker) Nicholson. She is survived by her two sons: Vance Todd Nye (and wife Lena Jean (Stucky) Nye) of Edmond, Oklahoma, and Dr. Chad Flynn Nye of Keene, New Hampshire; three grandchildren: Christopher Robin Nye of Edmond, Oklahoma, LaurieBeth Marie (Nye) Whatley (and husband Cody Lanne Whatley) of Woodward, Oklahoma, and Walker Wilson Grant Nye of Geary, Oklahoma; as well as four great-grandchildren: Dreyden Neiman Nelson of Woodward, Oklahoma, and Aden Lanne Whatley, Trent Dwayne Whatley, and Ian Reece Whatley of Texhoma, Oklahoma; and a host of extended family.

A funeral service to honor the life of Juanita is set to begin at 11:00 AM, on Thursday, February 23, 2023, at The First Baptist Church located at 204 N Main in Bradley, Oklahoma. She will be laid to rest at the Bradley Cemetery following the service.

Services 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

## Bradley Cemetery

E CR 1480  
Bradley, OK 73011

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

FEB **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Bradley First Baptist Church  
204 N. Main  
Bradley, OK 73011