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## C onnie Johnson Obituary

Constance (Connie) Sue Johnson passed away Wednesday, June 17, 2020. She was 70. The family will receive friends from 9-10:30 am Wednesday, June 24th, at Bixby Funeral Service. Funeral service will immediately follow at 11:00 am at RiverCrest Chapel.

Born October 27, 1949, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Connie Johnson (Meadors) was the baby girl of John Wesley Meadors and Polly Ann Meadors (Northtrip). She was also welcomed by one older sibling: her brother, Gary Meadors. In her youth, Connie was very involved in sports, band, and just about every school activity you could think of. Connie had no shortage of friends when she attended Bixby schools.

Throughout school, Connie was very involved in activities. She played basketball under coach Whitey Ford, was part of the band where she played saxophone and was nominated Miss BHS her senior year. Connie graduated from Bixby High School in 1967 and attended Oklahoma State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in Journalism. It was in Stillwater where she met the love of her life, Richard (Rick) Earl Johnson. They met through their college roommates and dated through college. They started dating after Rick saved Connie's dog. Her dog, Aggie, was locked in her Mustang, and Rick was about to unlock the car to save her dog. After dating for a while, he planned to propose. He teased her that he'd spent the money for her engagement ring on a new motorcycle then took her to Sonic, and the ring was hidden in the glove box. In 1971, they were married in Bixby and lived in Tahlequah. Later they would move back to Bixby.

Although Connie had a journalism degree, the majority of her working career was spent performing bookkeeping work for her parents' family Oil & Gas operating business. While Rick worked out in the field with Connie's father, she worked in the office with her mother. Later, Connie would obtain a part-time job as a customer service associate at Wal-Mart, where she continued to work for over 20 years.



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Connie and Rick would welcome the first of their three children, Leslie, into this world on March 30, 1974. Two more children would follow, each four years apart: Gregg in August of 1978 and Beverly in December of 1982. In 1978, the family would build a home just south of Bixby, where they still live today.

Connie loved sports and was very competitive in everything. She loved to compete and challenge others. Connie was also an avid OSU fan, donning her favorite black and orange attire whenever she could. She enjoyed following college football and basketball. She also loved to fish; however, this was a solitary hobby, which means that she enjoyed fishing alone and would relish that time for small pond fishing in hopes of catching an elusive mystical fish named "Walter" in the pond just East of their property. Her time spent fishing and in nature peacefully was like her church. Her fiery spirit was accompanied by an ornery side. She loved to play tricks and play games. One thing she never did was take it easy on her kids. She instilled that same competitive spirit in each one of her children. She enjoyed board games, card games, and game shows. She even took an interest in her son's video game systems. Anything that would keep her mind sharp and allow her to compete. Even at the end, her favorite thing to do was watch game shows.

Connie was a wonderful wife, mother, sister, and friend. She was straightforward, honest, stubborn, and she believed the best in people. She didn't hold grudges and disliked bickering or confrontation. She always believed that, fundamentally, people were good and meant well. She carried this spirit on to the very end. Connie's influence even spanned beyond her immediate family. Many coworkers and friends of her children mentioned that she was like a second mother to them.

Connie will certainly be missed by those who knew and loved her. Her battle with cancer and COPD is now over, and she is resting with the Father in heaven, where she is rejoined with her parents. She is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 49 years, Rick Johnson; daughter, Leslie Leibert; her son, Gregg Johnson; and youngest daughter, Beverly Vaughn; grandchildren, Ashlyn, Alayna, Aiden, Landon, Zane, and Eli; and her brother, Gary Meadors. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and other great relatives and friends.

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April 22 at 7:42 AM



**Linda (Dowler) Fitzpatrick** posted:

I remember being in Band with Connie and Gary, she was a little quiet but very helpful to us under classman, Connie you will be missed, I also worked with Connie at Wal Mart

June 23 at 9:40 AM



**Karen Stephens Brown** posted:

Connie was one of my dearest friends and I will miss her very much. I spent almost as much time at her home as I did mine in Junior High and High School. Went camping with her family, went to the fair together, and just sat out on her front porch and yelled at all the people cruising downtown Bixby... It was so much fun and I will hold these memories of her with me for the rest of my life. What a wonderful and kind person she was who loved her family so very much.

June 23 at 9:31 AM



**Gregg Johnson** posted:

Because of COVID-19, I know many of you will not be able to attend. For those who are concerned about attending, the funeral home will provide masks and hand sanitizer. If you choose not to attend, a live stream will be available on FB live, as well as a saved recording of the service. Because of these concerns, we will not be holding a wake. I'll miss being able to spend time connecting with family and friends to share stories about mom and complete the celebration. However, please use Facebook and this Tribute Wall as a way to share those stories and allow mom's legacy to be memorialized on this page. Thank you all. Sincerely, Gregg Johnson

June 23 at 4:13 AM



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