



## Irene Moore

October 25, 1931 - July 15, 2025

Odessa Irene (Chalk) Moore, 93, passed from this life, Tuesday, July 15th, 2025 at her home in Durant, Oklahoma. Irene was born on Sunday, October 25th, 1931 at Achille, Oklahoma to Russell C. Chalk and Ethel May Sparks Chalk.

She graduated from Durant High School in 1950. She met the love of her life Bobby J. Moore when he was on leave from the U.S. Army, and were married on January 1, 1952. She fainted after the first kiss. She was worried about how she was going to tell her parents (especially her Dad).

Their first child Evelyn Kay was born February 3, 1954 and died February 8, 1954. While they were stationed in Germany, they were blessed with their second child Linda Sue, February 9, 1956. Irene continued her education path at S.O. State College and graduated with an Elementary Ed. Degree in 1970 and a Masters' Degree in 1975 at Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

She began her teaching journey in 1970 at Denison, Texas at Raynor Elementary and then retired from Lamar. After retirement she signed up for Substitute Teaching in the Durant School System. She loved the students and her colleagues.

She is a 55 year member of Durant Chapter #17 Eastern Star and served as a Worthy Matron many times. She is a member of the First Baptist Church of Durant. She loves her Sunday School Family dearly. She loved attending church services, and special activities especially with her Sunday School friends at the First Baptist Church. She also enjoyed the First United Bank Chairman's Club activities with her friends.

Irene was preceded in death by her husband, B.J. Moore, former Bryan Co. Sheriff; daughters, infant Evelyn Kay Moore, and Linda Moore Blanton; granddaughter Lindsay Blanton, her pride and joy; parents Russell and Ethel Sparks Chalk; sister Phyllis Eggenberg; brother Ralph Chalk; infant brother Alfred Leon Chalk; sister-in-law and brother-in-law Betty Colclazier and Joe Colclazier; and brothers-in-law Ray Carr and

Hubert Eggenberg.

Irene is survived by her brother Mike Chalk and wife Marti; a sister Helen Chalk Gray, and sister-in-law Mary Chalk; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and good friends.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the First Baptist Falls Creek, Shriners Hospital, or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

We would like to thank everyone for your kindness and caring for Ms. Irene. May God Bless Each of You.

The family of Odessa Irene Moore.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.brownsfuneralservice.com](http://www.brownsfuneralservice.com).

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# Previous Events

## Viewing hours

JUL 17. 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Chapel  
4900 West US Hwy 70  
Durant, OK 74701

## Visitation

JUL 18. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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4900 West US Hwy 70  
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## Interment services

JUL 18. 3:30 PM (CT)

Highland Cemetery  
1620 Cemetery Rd  
Durant, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Irene Moore*



**Brown's Durant Funeral Service** - July 17, 2025 at 09:32 AM

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“ *Irene was a sweet lady that I remember from our Sunday school class at FBC in Durant. I moved away in 2019, but we kept in touch with each other. Good memories of her and my prayers are with her family.*

**Don Garrison** - July 17, 2025 at 05:50 PM

LC

“ *Love, Mary, Tonja and Cody. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Irene Moore.*



**Love, Mary, Tonja and Cody.** - July 17, 2025 at 04:48 PM

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“ *Love, Mary, Tonja and Cody. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irene Moore.*

**Love, Mary, Tonja and Cody.** - July 17, 2025 at 04:48 PM



“ 47 files added to the album *Gallery of Pictures*



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**Brown's Durant Funeral Service** - July 17, 2025 at 10:31 AM

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“ *Ms. Moore substituted for me numerous times. She was the toughest and sweetest individual. Always a classy dresser and hair was never out of place. Ms. Moore was not afraid of hard work or weather conditions! She would mow her yards without hesitation! I was trusted with teaching her granddaughter Lindsey. Lindsey was the brightest part of Ms. Moore's life! She dearly loved that girl💕. Ms. Moore was my very kind and sweet friend and I treasured our time shared together. I will see her again.....*

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**Connie Gentry** - July 16, 2025 at 07:34 PM

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*I spelled Lindsay's name incorrectly. 🙄*

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**Connie Gentry** - July 16, 2025 at 07:37 PM