



## Nell Box

January 27, 1936 - April 28, 2022

Manilla “Nell” Beatrice Box was born on January 27th, 1936, in Yarnaby, Oklahoma, to Jasper Newton Perkins and Maggie Belle Miller Perkins. Nell was the youngest of nine living children born to the couple, and the family always enjoyed teasing Nell that her parents were worn out by the time they had her. When she was sixty-one, she discovered that her parents were so exhausted by the time they had her that they forgot to put her name on her birth certificate. Nell had to have a sister swear under oath that Nell was the unnamed child born at home on that day and time. Her sister thought long and hard about whether she wanted to claim Nell. Despite teasing from her siblings, for eighty-six years, she was devoted to her family, friends, and her faith in God, though she was not above the occasional mischief. She passed from this earth on April 28th, 2022.

Nell worked throughout her life and retired as an office manager from a local pediatric clinic. After a short break, she decided working was more fun, so she went back to work part time for Bryan County RSVP until she was eighty-three. Nell had many interests and hobbies. She regularly attended Abundant Life Texoma Church in Durant, Oklahoma. She also enjoyed arts and crafts, playing card games and puzzles, reading, and traveling. Above all else, Nell loved spending time with and talking to family.

Nell is survived by her daughters, Angelia Kerr, of Durant, Oklahoma, and Tammy Fietkau and husband Ronald, of Milledgeville, Georgia; her granddaughters, Tracy Day and husband Brad, Whitney Kerr, and Danielle

Fietkau; grandsons Kevin Claborn, Erich Fietkau and Tristan Fietkau; and great-grandsons Hunter Day, Hayden Day, and Skilar Claborn. She is also survived by her daughter in law, Nancy Claborn, as well as nieces and nephews and other family.

Nell was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin Earl Box; her parents, Jasper, and Maggie Belle Perkins; her siblings, Alphus Perkins and wife Zelma, Elvin Perkins and wife Lee, Iva Lee Higgins and husband Gayle, Dona Simmons and husband Clarence, Ruth Prough and husband Skeet, Margaret Cole and husband Clifton, Clara Bradford and husband Earl, Essie Cross and husband Luther, and Annie Oleta Perkins. She was also preceded in death by her son, Randy Wayne Claborn, and her granddaughter, Julie Hollowell.

Services for Nell will be held at 2:00 PM on Monday, May 2nd, 2022, at Abundant Life Texoma Church in Durant, Oklahoma by Pastor Mark Allen.

She will be interred beside her husband at Highland Cemetery in Durant, Oklahoma. Pallbearers will be Kevin Claborn, Brad Day, Hunter Day, Hayden Day, Skilar Claborn, Stanley Perkins, and Marvin Simmons. Honorary pallbearers will be Ronald Fietkau, Erich Fietkau, Tristian Fietkau, LaVaughn Simmons, Frankie Simmons, and Kenneth Perkins.

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/4QNXFL8ZP7CDTQX5>

# Cemetery Details

## Highland Cemetery

1620 Cemetery Rd  
Durant, OK

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAY 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

Abundant Life Texoma  
1307 N Washington Ave  
Durant, OK 74701  
(580) 924-5646

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Nell Box*



**Brown's Durant Funeral Service** - May 02, 2022 at 02:28 PM

BM

“ *I loved Nell so much. I had no idea she had gone to heaven. I have had some health issues and not been on the computer much. I loved seeing her when my husband and I\* made a trip back to Durant several years ago. My heart hurts to know I cannot call her as I intended to do today. My dad and her mother were twins. We were born the same year, but Nell was a few months older than I. Love you, Nell. Cousin Barbara*

**Barbara Shaneyfelt (born Miller)** - September 07, 2024 at 03:54 PM

BM

“ *My heart aches to learn that Nell had passed. I loved my cousin so much. Her mother and my father were twins. Nell was born in Jan of 1936, and I was born in Sept of that year. We shared so many laughs together. She will always have a place in my heart. Love you, Nell....Barbara*

**Barbara Shaneyfelt (born Miller)** - September 07, 2024 at 10:18 AM



“ *Nell Box*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *STARLA lit a candle in memory of Nell Box*



**STARLA** - May 02, 2022 at 10:58 AM



*I worked with Nell @ Dr. Arabolu's office for 5 years. Nell was a good person. The family will be in my prayers and so sorry for your loss.*

**STARLA** - May 02, 2022 at 11:00 AM



“ *Heaven's Comfort was purchased for the family of Nell Box.*



May 02, 2022 at 08:31 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nell Box.*



April 30, 2022 at 10:46 PM