



## Patty Whitfield Baskin

October 8, 1951 - May 27, 2024

In the early morning of May 27th, 2024 at her home, Patricia "Patty" Whitfield Baskin, 72, of Durant, Oklahoma, miraculously departed from her earthly body, leaving her family with the assurance that she was immediately swept into the arms of her Savior, freed from her suffering earlier than anticipated, and just as they fervently prayed for.

Patty was born in Miami, Florida, to the late Ordell and Otto Brady, the second of their four children. She loved surfing Miami Beach, skiing, and fishing with her family. As a child, she spent time traveling to Durant to visit her grandfather, Dr. R.E. Sawyer, and so she moved to finish her final college years at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, studying music with the late Dr. James Wintle. She absolutely came to life under the spotlight, singing and acting. On campus is where she first laid eyes on her husband Wade Baskin, and so their 53 year adventure began!

Before embracing motherhood, Patty taught music at Caddo Elementary School. Although only there for a short time, her family has been regaled with stories for years from her former students. Then after working for her father at the family restaurant, Patty and Wade became the proud owners of what is known today as The Branding Iron; a staple in the history of Durant. As a Christian, she had the opportunity to pour into so many young men and women that worked there through the years. She was also involved in

ministries at First Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Gerald Tidwell.

Patty was a dynamic woman, fondly referred to as a hoot, the life of the party, a riot, and always making people laugh. She had the gift of wisdom, a hungry love of life, and was a prayer warrior for anyone in need. She was the person you called if you wanted something done, and wanted it done right. She was the great encourager and counselor to her children, and the mom-away-from-home to so many of their friends. She instilled in her kids a zest for adventure and a love for the beautiful outdoors that God has created. She taught Wade and her kids how to fish, how to water ski, how to turn something as simple as a walk along the creek into an epic experience (that likely involved doing semi-dangerous wildly fun things!).

Patty believed it was her calling to be a homemaker; to provide a place where her husband and children could thrive, and worked tirelessly for their benefit. She made a beautiful home; she loved growing peonies and lilies and displaying her cuttings in vases, and she had her hummingbirds outside of her windows that she enjoyed. She spearheaded countless family vacations and showed her children the world. She loved Wade with an unmatched fierceness. She was his best friend, his faithful encourager, and his rock. He would make her laugh hysterically with his antics, and she loved nothing more than a road trip with Wade to go explore the next place.

Patty's greatest love in life was the Lord, and then her family. She had complete confidence and assurance in Christ that she will be reunited with Wade, Summer, Whit, Brady, and Season. She was everything dynamic and wild and beautiful, but above all she was courageous. She gave Wade the gift of knowing Christ. She boldly knocked on strangers' doors to share with them the love of Jesus. And that love has rippled through their families, and their children, and now the next generation. Today, there are people who have a

relationship with Christ because Patty loved the Lord, and loved her neighbor, and was a courageous woman. That is her greatest legacy.

“She is worth far more than rubies...Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all...” Proverbs 31

Patty was preceded in death by her parents, Ordell and Otto Brady, her brother Michael Brady, and brother-in-laws Mike Baskin and Paul Lovan.

Patty is survived by her husband, Wade; her children; Summer (Rob) Rogan, Whit (Terri Ayotte) Baskin, Brady (Sarah) Baskin, and Season; her sisters Shelley (Charles Matthews) Lovan and Kelley (Joseph) Hubbard; her sisters-in-law Patti Brady, Ann Baskin, and Eve Baskin; her brother-in-law Danny Baskin; her grandchildren Scout, Abigail, Hannah, Otto, and Harlan-Wade; her cherished lifelong confidant Karolyn Huggins, and many loved nieces and nephews.

A Celebration Service in honor of Patty's life will be held on Saturday, June 1st, at 2:30 pm at First Baptist Church in Durant, Oklahoma, officiated by Pastor Garry McNeill. Family Hour will be Friday May 31st from 6:00 to 8:00 at Brown's Funeral Service in Durant, Oklahoma. Honorary pallbearers are just some of the boys who spent hours playing in Patty's house as kids; Kyle Richardson, Jason Byrd, JJ Barker, Jason Brady, Jonathan Huggins, Les Griffin, Perry Griffin, and the late Jeff Vietta.

A special thank you to the community of Durant for the outpouring of love and generosity and meals for Wade and the kids. A grateful heart for Patty's caregivers in her last two days, and Guardian Hospice nurses Tia and Sarah.

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/97M6XLNH5ZW98R4S>



# Previous Events

## Family Hour

MAY 31. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Celebration of Life

JUN 1. 2:30 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
124 W. Evergreen  
Durant, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Patty Whitfield Baskin*



**Brown's Durant Funeral Service** - May 30, 2024 at 01:15 PM

SF

*She was a lovely Lady. The whole family are great people.*

**Samuel Hopkins Family** - June 01, 2024 at 11:46 AM

HF

*Lovely Lady from a great family*

**Hopkins family** - June 01, 2024 at 11:47 AM

SD

“ *Sherry D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patty Whitfield Baskin.*

**Sherry D.** - June 03, 2024 at 04:09 AM

WD

“ I remember Patty at a young age. She was my favorite music teacher at Caddo Public school. I remember her and Wade going on a skiing trip in Colorado and she came back in a cast and a wheelchair but she remained in good spirits and laughing at her adventure. And still showed up for work. Lol she was a fiery redhead back in those days. You're going to be missed. Thank you for the impact you made not just in my life but everyone you were around. Love

Wanda Duncan - May 31, 2024 at 04:19 PM

NR

I remember this for sure.

Norma G Ramirez - June 18, 2024 at 01:59 AM

GG

“ Ganzer gang planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patty Whitfield Baskin.

Ganzer gang - May 30, 2024 at 06:34 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Patty Whitfield Baskin.



May 30, 2024 at 06:34 PM

BB

“ Brett Butlan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patty Whitfield Baskin.

Brett Butlan - May 30, 2024 at 04:59 PM

BB

“ Brett Butlan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Patty Whitfield Baskin.



Brett Butlan - May 30, 2024 at 04:59 PM



“ 79 files added to the album Gallery of Pictures



Brown's Durant Funeral Service - May 30, 2024 at 01:22 PM

SG

“ Sharon Green purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Patty Whitfield Baskin.



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**Sharon Green** - May 30, 2024 at 11:55 AM

FS

“ From First United Bank Durant 1st Street purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Patty Whitfield Baskin.



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**From First United Bank Durant 1st Street** - May 30, 2024 at 09:58 AM

FG

“ FBC Adult 2 Life Group purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Patty Whitfield Baskin.



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**FBC Adult 2 Life Group** - May 29, 2024 at 07:34 PM

KF

“ Kevin Gordon and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Patty Whitfield Baskin.



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**Kevin Gordon and Family** - May 29, 2024 at 05:41 PM

RI

“ Richardson’s purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Patty Whitfield Baskin.



Richardson’s - May 29, 2024 at 04:49 PM

TJ

“ Terry and Mara Jackson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Patty Whitfield Baskin.



Terry and Mara Jackson - May 29, 2024 at 04:08 PM

RN

“ Regina Mowles Nankivil lit a candle in memory of Patty Whitfield Baskin



Regina Mowles Nankivil - May 29, 2024 at 10:40 AM

WW

“ Wendy Wright purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Patty Whitfield Baskin.



Wendy Wright - May 29, 2024 at 06:29 AM

LS

“ *Lesley Steiner purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Patty Whitfield Baskin.*



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**Lesley Steiner** - May 28, 2024 at 08:50 PM

CV

“ *Charles and Vanessa purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Patty Whitfield Baskin.*



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**Charles and Vanessa** - May 28, 2024 at 07:37 PM