

Wanda L. Cunningham

August 22, 1934 – September 10, 2023

Wanda Cunningham, 89, was born in Okemah, OK, on August 22, 1934, to James William and Florence Gladys (Gregory) and passed away in Stillwater, OK, on September 10, 2023. She attended the University of Oklahoma and graduated with honors as a business education graduate in 1956. She and Billie Buford Johnson were married in Oklahoma City, OK, in 1958. They moved to Gage, OK, where they ran several businesses, and Wanda taught school in Gage and in Shattuck, OK. Wanda and Bill were parents to four children. Although she was widowed at a young age, she continued to be involved in the business she and her late husband founded, continued to teach school, became involved in a number of volunteer activities, and taught swim lessons for more than 20 years. In 1995, she and Wayne Allen Cunningham were married in Woodward, OK; and they lived in Mooreland, OK, for nearly 15 years. Wayne passed away in 2010. She became involved with P.E.O. (Woodward and Stillwater) and also served in a number of leadership positions in other organizations throughout her life, including serving as a substitute house mother in OSU sororities and fraternities. Throughout her life, she received a number of honors including the Oklahoma Academic Coach of the Year, Top 10 Finalist for Oklahoma Teacher of the Year, Gage Citizen of the Year, as well as the Grand Marshal of the 1996 Roadrunner Marathon Parade. Surviving her are her children, Marla Jo Barnes (Joe), Michael Johnson (Kristin), Susan Stansberry, and Steven Johnson (Amy) in addition to a number of grandchildren and other family members.