



## Viola "Dollie" Belle Denton

February 14, 1937 - March 11, 2021

### Obituary

Viola "Dollie" Belle (Smith) Denton, 84, passed Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 7:35 pm. Viola was surrounded by her loving family at their home in Coweta, Oklahoma.

She will be remembered by family and friends as someone who lived life as a true caretaker. Viola was dedicated to building a life with her husband and raising her kids, but her true joy was taking care of her grandkids and great grandkids. As an avid fuzzy blanket lover there is no surprise to how loving, genuine, sweet, soft, strong, and loyal she was. Viola got her nickname Dollie from her sister that was 2 ½ years old who thought she looked like a doll and it stuck. It stuck so much her brother returned from the military walked in and said, "Oh my goodness my baby doll." She was also Nana to family, friends, and strangers alike.

Born on February 14, 1937, in Grovania (Okmulgee), to Robert and Mary-Jane Smith on a farm. In the cold wintertime of November 1951, her family moved to Coweta. Viola Denton graduated from Coweta High School in 1955.

Dollie's uncle helped build the very church she was a part of. At the age of 14 Dollie was baptized. Her membership began in 1952 of the Church of Christ in Coweta. For over 69 years, Viola contributed her musical talents and sang to

every hymn. She also participated in the nursery and Sunday school. She loved attending church and followed the word of the lord. Instead of saying hell she would spell out H E double L each and every time.

At the age of 17, Dollie met the love of her life, Jimmy Denton. They married in Coweta on May 18, 1956 on the night of Jimmy's high school graduation. Dollie used to complain and say she came from a place by the ocean and with a bus to take her to the movies. Then she had moved to a po'dunk town and her father thought a pony would make up for it. She made quick friends with Jimmy's sister Aurelia and that is how they met. She started working right away at her uncle's shoe store "Cassidy's" so she could buy Jimmy a wedding ring. In 1965 they built their house together rock by rock. Dollie moved and stack every single rock you see on their house today. Her main job may have been caretaker, but she did not take her other full-time job lightly. Her other full-time job may have been even more crucial, keeping Jimmy Denton's orneriness in line. Sometimes that meant she had to take on the role of card shark and beat Jimmy in a good game of cards.

Dollie enjoyed traveling, gardening, playing cards, clothes, sewing, cooking, garage sales, and spending time with family. Time melted away while out tending to the garden and growing roses. With the spoils from their garden Dollie and Jimmy would be canning quarts and quarts of food. Her obsession of strawberries, strawberry rhubarb pie, and apricot fried pies has been passed on to her family. Thankfully Dollie could cook! During a thin year she drove the car and Jimmy rode on top while hunting rabbits. That year they cooked 286 rabbits in every imaginable way. Her love of clothes spread throughout the whole house. Jimmy had a quarter of a closet to use while she had 4 plus closets. Dollie treasured visiting with her family and sightseeing. One of her favorite trips was when they ventured out to the Bahamas. Her love for taking care of her grandkids eclipsed most things. Dollie would say "You're not spoiled just extra loved." She quit her job when her first grandchild

was born to help take care of her. All of the babies drank coffee right along with her. She would put a splash of coffee in their sippy cup or bottle with their milk. At the young age of 74 she broke her right hip while playing soccer with the kids.

Dollie is survived by her loving husband of 64 years and 10 months, Jimmy Denton. Her daughter Jill Foster “that came out sunny side up talking and hasn’t stopped talking since,” as Dollie would say. Jimmy said “AMEN!” Including Jill’s kids Cortnee Foster (granddaughter); Cameron Factor (great grandson), Autumn Friedmanky (granddaughter); Micah Friedmanky (great grandson), Derek Foster (grandson); Dezyrae Foster (great granddaughter); DJ Foster (great grandson), and Vanessa Foster. Her daughter Joy Pickett (Brian) was born in the middle of the night. Jimmy had to speed so bad that he got pulled over. Jimmy told the cop “he would have to follow him then he could give him a ticket.” Also survived by Joy’s kids Janette Austin (granddaughter), Pamela Terry (granddaughter); Tyler Terry (great grandson); Jacob Terry (great grandson), Donny Austin (grandson); Draco Austin (great grandson). Predeceased by her son Christopher Denton which was the result of her willingness to stay home without having a kid to take care of. Carrying on in her memory Chris’s children Christina Moreland (granddaughter); Colton Moreland (great grandson), Joseph Denton (grandson), and Sierra Denton (granddaughter). Along with a brother and many other adopted kids, grandkids, and surrogate family members.

Dollie passed on her own terms in the privacy of her home. A celebration of her life will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 2:00 pm at the Coweta Church of Christ, 125 W. Cypress St. Coweta, OK 74429.

Visitation will be from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Monday, March 15, 2021 at Brown Funeral Home, 210 S. Broadway, Coweta, OK 74429. Family and

friends may share memories online at [www.brownfamilycares.com](http://www.brownfamilycares.com).

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Viola "Dollie" Belle Denton, please visit our floral store.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown Funeral Home & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Viola "Dollie" Belle Denton*



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**Wright-Brown Family Funeral Home** - March 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ *A Little Bit of Sunshine was purchased for the family of Viola "Dollie" Belle Denton by MK Yanetsko. Send FlowersWhen you speak of her,speak not with tears,for thoughts of hershould not be sad.Let memories of the times you shared give you comfort, for her lifewas rich because of you.THE YANETSKO FAMILYMK Yanetsko*

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**MK Yanetsko** - December 30, 2021 at 01:30 PM

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“ *Hydrangea Plant was purchased for the family of Viola "Dollie" Belle Denton by Sherwin Williams Southern Colorado District . Send FlowersDear Autumn Friedmanky and Family,Please accept our deepest sympathies for the passing of your Nana. Please know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.Sherwin Williams Southern Colorado District*

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**Sherwin Williams Southern Colorado District** - December 30, 2021 at 01:30 PM



“ *Spring's Bounty Basket was purchased for the family of Viola "Dollie" Belle Denton. Send Flowers With all our love, Troy and GinnyDebbra Sue and JohnScott and Cherisse*

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December 30, 2021 at 01:30 PM



“ *I so much enjoyed my interactions with Dollie and Jimmy. Dollie is my dad's(Bill Cassidy) first cousin. Because my dad died so young of cancer, there were many years I did not mingle with the Cassidys. In the last few years that I lived in Tulsa before moving to Washington state, I was able to see them off and on. I enjoyed visiting with them at their home and at Betty Lou's. My thoughts and prayers will be with the family in the days to come. I was able to watch the service online. Nancy Cassidy Carlson*

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**Nancy Carlson** - March 16, 2021 at 03:15 PM

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“ Dear Jimmy, Jill, Joy, Courtney and all of Dollie's precious family. I am sitting here in shock crying my eyes out after hearing of Dollie's passing. I'm not sad that she's now in heaven, getting to sing and rejoice with Chris, my parents, my sister, my husband and oh so many who have gone on before us but my heart breaks for the pain that you will all feel missing Dollie and learning to live life without her on this earth. Dollie and Jimmy were always faithful to come and visit Willard and Patsy Rampey, my parents, and pray with them and continued to invite them to come back into fellowship at the Church of Christ, when they had strayed from the Lord. They never gave up and in 2008 my parents reunited with their brothers and sisters in Christ with welcome arms. I can only imagine the heavenly reunion they shared on March 11th when Dollie entered the pearly gates. God bless everyone of you. Hold onto those beautiful memories and don't let anyone tell you how to grieve. Life is but a vapor. I pray for Gods grace to sustain you while walking this journey.

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**Priscilla Adams** - March 13, 2021 at 07:19 PM