



Billie Elizabeth Reeder

September 4, 1931 - August 25, 2021

Billie Elizabeth Reeder went to be with the Lord on August 25, 2021 at 89 years of age. Billie was born to Lora Evelyn Grove and Elmer Lohman in Hominy, Oklahoma on September 4, 1931. She lived with her maternal grandparents, George and Bertha Morgan, on a farm in Osage County, Oklahoma until she was five years old. At that time, she came to Tulsa to live with her mother and stepfather, Otto Trickel.

Billie attended Longfellow Elementary School, Horace Mann Jr. High and graduated from Tulsa Central High in 1949. She received her BA from The University of Central Oklahoma at Edmond, Oklahoma, and her MA from Northeastern University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

Billie met her future husband, Jimmy, on her first day of college, which happened to be her eighteenth birthday. They were married February 21, 1952 in San Diego, California where Jimmy was stationed in the Navy. They had two sons, David Bonde and James Alan.

Billie was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents; her brothers John and George Trickel; her beloved Jimmy; their dear son, David; and precious granddaughter, Amber.

She is survived by a wonderful son, Alan, and his wife, Denise; a granddaughter, Pamela Elizabeth Reeder; three great-grandchildren, Levi Cook, Jackson Fine, and Lauren Elizabeth Keeling. She is survived by a sister-in-law, Donna Trickel; many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Billie volunteered at Gilcrease Museum and The Assistance League of Tulsa. She was happiest traveling with Jimmy, doing projects with her grandchildren, working in her flowers, being with her extended family and attending First Baptist Church where she was led to the Lord by her Jr. High math teacher who was also her Sunday School teacher.

Billie was very content spending her last years at University Village.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Clarehouse Hospice.

Viewing will be from 12PM - 2PM, Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at Moore's Southlawn Chapel, 9350 East 51st Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Graveside service will be at 2PM, Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at Memorial Park Cemetery, 5111 South Memorial Drive, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Alan, I doubt you remember me. Your parents were very close friends of my parents, Kent and Patsy Rosson, when they all lived in Bristow. Mr Reeder was my 4th grade PE teacher at Washington Elementary. He was so much fun and did a lot to boost my self esteem. I kept in touch with your parents for many years. I have such fond memories of your family. I remember your dad called David “Pork Chops” and you “Hoots” when you were little. For some reason, I was thinking of your dad tonight and googled him. That’s when I found out about the deaths of your parents and David. I think it’s significant that, after all these years, I still felt sad. I have a treasured photo of your dad wearing an Indian chief headdress, I think, when he was principal at Patrick Henry. I’m sure it feels weird to hear from a complete stranger, but I truly loved your family.

Janice Rosson Brazil

Janice Brazil - December 27, 2021 at 08:06 PM

MD

“ Alan, My sincere condolences. I was privileged to have Mrs. Reeder as a teacher for a few months in 1967, when my family had just moved to Tulsa. Even over that relatively short time she made a lasting impression as an excellent teacher who created a great learning environment. Numerous of my siblings had her after me. I believe you have met some of them, in fact—Chris, Tim, and Dan. Danny told me last night about meeting you a few years ago and having a fun conversation. All of us, plus our sister, thought a great deal of your mother and send you peace and sympathy. —Michael Diver

Michael Diver - August 30, 2021 at 11:06 AM

KT

“ Hi Alan, this is Kina Kikugawa Tebo, Reggie's daughter. I just received notice that your sweet mother has passed away. I would like to extend my deepest sympathies. Carol Alexander and I tried to visit your mother every time we were in Tulsa. The last time we saw her was June 13th and we took some photographs. I had promised her that I would send them to you. I want you to know how much she meant to us. On our last visit she "walked" us to the door, as far as her oxygen tether would allow, and we hugged and said our goodbyes. We have great joy in knowing she is no longer tethered by earthly restraints but is now free to worship her Savior and King. We look forward to a heavenly reunion with our parents and yours. I just wanted you to know that your parent's lives touched as deeply. You were blessed to be their son and we were blessed by their incredible friendship. Praying for your family in the days ahead.

Love to you, from Kina and Carol 

Kina Tebo - August 28, 2021 at 08:50 PM

LO

“ Thank you for letting me help care for Billie the last 5 months she was on this earth. I consider myself blessed to have a chance to help care for her. She was a wonderful woman and I will never have a Sonic Dr. Pepper without thinking of her sweet personality. She blessed me with an art project that I continue to cherish as a reminder of why I was called to the nursing profession. Your family remains in my prayers. -Lori, RN St. Francis Hospice

Lori - August 28, 2021 at 11:37 AM

TF

“ I was so fortunate to have Mrs. Reeder as my 6th grade teacher. She really made learning fun. I remember memorizing and reciting many poems. Also doing in depth projects on foreign countries. She was always very encouraging but was also quick to get us back inline. She was a standout teacher for me and many others as she helped shape our lives for the future. So Blessed to have had her as my teacher in the 6th grade.

Traci Bezinque Ferguson - August 28, 2021 at 08:22 AM

TS

“ Like many who posted her, Mrs. Reeder was my 6th grade teacher at Salk Elementary. She was tough but fair. Never doubted she wanted the best for us and pushed us towards better achievement. Best teacher I ever had. Ted Sherwood

Ted Sherwood - August 27, 2021 at 05:17 PM

JJ

“ Mrs. Reeder was my 6th grade teacher at Salk. She also taught my older brother and two younger siblings. We all agreed that she was one of our favorite teachers. She really took an interest in her students and you knew she cared. She was just a wonderful person. She made a difference for all of us as she was very special. We used to have the sixth grade parties at our house because we lived by the swimming pool in Sungate. I believe she used to walk with us over there. We all wore big shirts and would sign each others. Prayers for all of your family. We know she will be missed.

Jeanne Staab Jones

jeanne jones - August 27, 2021 at 12:40 PM

SU

“ *Billie was a worker bee to me in the Lord’s world. Her labor of love in helping others in her older years inspired me. I will never forget her pounding chicken breasts to be served at a wedding for hours!!!
No doubt in my mind that Billie is is paradise:)*

suzanne - August 27, 2021 at 11:31 AM

GJ

“ *Hugs of healing and comfort to the family and all who were touched by Billie Reeder during their life. Mrs Reeder was also my 6th grade teacher at Salk. I would often run into her at Gilcrease when returning to Tulsa to see family after marrying and moving away in 1981. Always a lovely connection. I think many have a school teacher who made a difference in our life and for me Mrs Reeder was that teacher. Her smile along with her ability to guide with loving firmness when needed, became more appreciated as I grew older.*

Ginny (Williams) Jackson - August 27, 2021 at 09:36 AM

SO

“ *Mrs. Reeder was my 6th grade teacher at Salk as well as my brothers & sister's teacher. We all loved her so much. She was such a special lady. I have such fond memories of her.*

Susan Staab Osborn - August 27, 2021 at 08:50 AM

SC

“ *Mrs. Reeder was my 6th grade teacher at Salk Elementary school & my most favorite! She was a wonderful teacher! Very caring but also strict in wanting to make sure students weren't slacking in their studies! I visited her several times at Univ. Village at Christmas time & she was always energetic & we had wonderful visits! She will be greatly missed!*

*In Our Prayers for the family,
Sherry (May) Crosby*

Sherry Crosby - August 26, 2021 at 11:00 PM