



## Katie Belle Cole

March 17, 1929 - March 10, 2014

Katie Belle Barker Cole, 84, Mangum, OK

Katie Belle Barker Cole was lovingly welcomed March 17, 1929 at Reed, OK on the river bottom. Her parents Orville and Josephine (Slaton) Barker were very proud of their new daughter and loved her very much. Katie departed this life in Mangum, OK on March 10, 2014 at the age of 84 years, 11 months, and 23 days.

She attended school at Edison Elementary, Mangum for six years. She attended the last six years of school at Reed, graduating from Reed High School in 1947. While at Reed High she was an outstanding guard on the basketball team. The love of sports lasted her lifetime. She attended Southwestern College for one year.

She married Earnest Eugene "Bugs" Cole on December 2, 1948 in Vernon, Texas. They celebrated 64 years of marriage. In 1963 Bugs and Katie adopted their only child, Nancy. Katie devoted her life to being an excellent wife and mother. She lived her entire life in Greer County. She was a lady of many talents. She loved to cook and many enjoyed her excellent food. She shared recipes, but they lacked her loving touch. She was creative, decorative, and could grow great plants. She was generous to share her plants with others. She loved to use unusual materials to become beautiful art in her hands. For many years she created beautiful floral arrangements for the church. She accepted Christ as her Savior at Dean Missionary Baptist Church as a young girl. Bugs and Katie were active members of Sulphur Missionary

Baptist Church at Reed for many years. Later, they attended Trinity Baptist Church, Mangum, OK until her health declined.

She is survived by her husband Bugs Cole of the home, one daughter Nancy Lehr and husband Jay of Lawton, two grandchildren Kelsey and Cole of Lawton, one sister Ruby Crawford of Altus, and Steve and Edna Cole. She will be lovingly remembered by a host of friends.

## Cemetery Details

### Reed Cemetery

Reed, OK

## Previous Events

### Service

MAR 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Baptist Church  
1812 N. Pennsylvania Ave  
Mangum, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ *Katie Belle Cole*

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October 08, 2023 at 02:10 PM



“ *Katie Belle Cole*

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October 04, 2023 at 11:28 PM



“ *I grew up around Katie Belle and Bugs. I have many great memories of Bugs and Katie. Katie was a very pretty and gracious lady. She will surely be missed by all who knew her. May God Bless. With Love,  
Bill and Bea McElroy  
St. Charles, Mo.*

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**Bill McElroy** - March 11, 2014 at 07:20 PM