



## Bernice Oliver Baxter

March 8, 1937 - August 25, 2021

Bernice Oliver Baxter was born March 8, 1937 in Stigler to Vollie "Dick" Oliver and Irene (Johnson) Oliver. Her family moved back and forth from the San Joaquin Valley in California to the Haskell County area while she was growing up. After graduating from Wasco High School in 1954 she moved to Stigler to stay. She was married to James B. Baxter on December 16, 1960 and raised their son Jay together. She worked for Haskell County at the court house and Ben Franklin for several years before starting her career with Dixon Farm Supply for 28 years, as well as decorating cakes on the side which she so enjoyed. After retirement she worked for King & Shearwood Funeral Home for 17 years until her health forced her to quit. She was very proud of her 50 years of service as Church Secretary at the Freewill Baptist Church of Stigler. She was also proud of her 3 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Bernice is survived by her son & daughter-in-law, Jay V. & April Baxter of Fresno, California; 3 grandchildren, Brittany, Dylan Jaymes "D.J." and Emily; 2 great grandchildren, Cohen, Ava.

Bernice is preceded in death by her parents, Dick & Irene Oliver; her husband, James B. Baxter; a brother, Norman Oliver.

Funeral Service will be 10:00 A.M. Monday, August 30, 2021 at Stigler Freewill Baptist Church with Pastor David Bigger officiating. Pallbearers include Larry Godfrey, Carl Godfrey, Ricky Belt Jr., John Turrentine, Jeff King, Marty Shearwood. Honorary Pallbearers will be Rick Spradley, Gerald Cleveland, Steve Reasnor.

Burial will follow in Stigler Cemetery under the direction of King & Shearwood Funeral Home of Stigler.

# Cemetery Details

## STIGLER CEMETERY

Stigler, OK

# Previous Events

## Viewing

AUG **28**. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

R.E. SHEARWOOD MEMORIAL CHAPEL  
808 EAST MAIN  
STIGLER, OK  
(918) 967-0044  
kingwood4@sbcglobal.net  
<http://KINGANDSHEARWOODFUNERALHOME.COM>

## Viewing

AUG **29**. 12:00 PM - 8:30 PM (CT)

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## Service

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AUG **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

FIRST FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
208 N.W. 4TH ST  
STIGLER, OK 74462  
(918) 967-4359

# Tribute Wall

KS

“ *Never a more kinder soul. What a sweet lady. When I was young and frequented Dixon's she was the nicest person ever, then later years at funeral home.*

Keith Shrum - August 30, 2021 at 11:41 PM

CP

“ *Cheryl Paulsen lit a candle in memory of Bernice Oliver Baxter*



Cheryl Paulsen - August 30, 2021 at 08:02 PM

TB

“ *A lovely lady that will be missed by all. I remember the time traveling from Alaska back to the states, family stopped to visit James and Bernice in Stigler, OK. A short visit with a loving couple which we miss, but will meet again when my family is called by God to his palace in HEAVEN. The Baxter family Tommy, Meta, T. Jerome, Todd & Julie. GOD BLESS.*



Tommy J. Baxter - August 29, 2021 at 12:15 PM

JG

“ *I went to church with Bernice throughout my whole childhood. She always had the sweetest disposition and the best attitude. She is with her Lord now.*

Jami Glass - August 29, 2021 at 11:26 AM

JF

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss.



Julie Finney - August 28, 2021 at 11:16 PM

JB

“ Knowing Berniece was a genuine God given privilege. Always so sharp and attentive to being with whomever she engaged. Ready with a heartfelt smile and a joke. Such a sweet and Godly spirit leaves us with great memories. Miss you, old friend.

Jeff Brown - August 28, 2021 at 10:58 AM

ME

“ Miss Baxter, was a beautiful soul. Always made my day bright when i came to work.



Mamie Edwards - August 27, 2021 at 12:38 PM

LO

“ Lois lit a candle in memory of Bernice Oliver Baxter



lois - August 27, 2021 at 07:45 AM

DH

“ *Bernice is my amazing sister in law. She meant so much to me. She was so loving and caring person. I always looked up to her. She made me doll clothes when I was little and help me with problems I thought I had. She was always there for me. She really Loved my brother ( Bubba) . I am really going to miss her. I love her so much. R.I. P dear "sister"* ”

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**Donna Baxter Henderson** - August 26, 2021 at 08:20 PM

MP

*Bernice was a lovely , caring lady. She always said we were shirt-tail kin, just didn't know where the shirt was. She will be missed.*

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**Marlys Oliver Prentice** - August 28, 2021 at 09:59 PM

NS

“ *Such a nice and kind lady. Such an icon for Stigler. When I would see her, I would think “she works at Dixon’s or she attends the Free Will Baptist Church, or that’s Jay Baxter’s Mom and they live next to Debbie and Kim”, RIP sweet lady. The Good Lord was ready for you to come home.* ”

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**Nancy Self** - August 26, 2021 at 08:18 PM

TB

“ *I remember going to Oklahoma from Missouri to see my Dad who was on vacation in Stigler. Aunt Faye said there was no room for my Husband and I in her house. Here came Bernice and Jay and took us into their home and took good care of of us during the visit. Bernice was so loving and sweet, I will always cherish the memories of her welcoming, loving hospitality. Tammy Jo Johnso Bingham* ”

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**Tammy Johnson Bingham** - August 26, 2021 at 06:41 PM

PH

“ *Penny Hamlin lit a candle in memory of  
Bernice Oliver Baxter*



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**Penny Hamlin** - August 26, 2021 at 03:02 PM