



Heda Barnard

May 7, 1975 - February 23, 2026

Heda Rae Barnard, age 50, passed from this earth on February 23, 2026 in Henryetta. Born May 7, 1975 she was the fourth of five children--- strong willed-, hardworking and a natural born leader.

She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Maude Kemp; her mother Karen Smith; her sister Hope Smith; and brother Donnie Blood. Also, a niece Madison Grace Blood.

Heda leaves behind her loving husband of 15 years, Jason Barnard. As Jason lovingly said “We were supposed to fuss and fight for another 20 to 30 years”. Their marriage was built on loyalty, humor, strength and deep love.

She is also a lovingly remembered by her mother-in-law, Carmel Barnard, whom Heda supported in countless ways and was always willing to help when needed.

She is survived by her brothers, Dean & Nicole Blood, Derrick Lemkuhl and Renea, Tony Lemkuhl; her uncle Mike Tolbert and wife Cindy, as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews and extended family members whose lives she influenced in meaningful ways.

She will be most deeply missed by her daughters, Autumn and Madalyn; Son

Austin Lemkuhl, her nephew Harley Joe; her great niece Tyla and her great nephew, Kassen. To those closest to her, she was known by many cherished names- “Mom”, “Uncle Heda” and simply “Heda”. Each name carried love, protection, strength and the feeling of home.

Heda built her career in the food industry and spent the last 10 to 15 years working in health and nutrition, serving meals to the elderly. She was recruited to work for the Creek Nation by her friend and neighbor, Tonya Trujillo- a simple message that led to work she truly loved. For the past three years, she served in elderly nutrition with the Creek Nation taking pride in providing not just meals, but dignity and care for those she served.

At home she especially loved “supervising” her husband. She never hesitated to tell Jason exactly how something should be done- even if he had done it many times before. She just didn’t want him to forget. It was part of their rhythm, their laughter and deep connection shared.

Her door was always open. She welcomed people in, offered help when it was needed, and showed up without hesitation. To Heda, family was not only blood-it was commitment, loyalty and presence.

She touched countless lives with her strength, humor, and fierce love. She will be deeply missed, forever loved and never forgotten.

Graveside service will be 3:00 pm, Saturday ,28, 2026 at the Kemp Family Cemetery east of Krebs, OK under the direction of the Rogers Funeral Home.

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Kemp Family Cemetery : From Krebs, OK take Highway 31 East and turn west (Left) on the next road after you pass Buffalo Mountain Rd exit. Follow this road to the top of the hill and the Kemp home is the first home on the left at the top. The cemetery is in the back yard.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 27. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rogers Funeral home created a Tribute Video in memory of Heda Barnard*



Rogers Funeral Home - February 26 at 09:01 AM



“ *Please accept my condolences. I have good memories of us playing ball together as kids.*

Sunny C Moreno - March 24 at 01:34 PM



“ *David Miller lit a candle in memory of Heda Barnard*



David Miller - March 09 at 01:23 PM



“ 4 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Rogers Funeral Home - February 27 at 05:20 PM



“ 27 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Rogers Funeral Home - February 27 at 12:41 PM



“ *Avaree Jack & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Heda Barnard.*



Avaree Jack & Family - February 27 at 12:18 AM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Heda Barnard.



February 26 at 09:38 PM



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Jason Barnard - February 26 at 07:44 PM



This is the location. For the Cemetery

Jason Barnard - February 26 at 07:45 PM



“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Jason Barnard - February 26 at 12:32 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Heda Barnard.



February 26 at 11:52 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Heda Barnard.

February 26 at 11:52 AM



“ 24 files added to the album Life Tributes



Rogers Funeral Home - February 26 at 08:59 AM

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“ I will miss my friend with all my heart and soul!! I will miss our deep conversations. One day I came home from work, she was out in her yard I pulled over and ask her, Summer do you need a job I need a head cook, she said she didn't know how to be a head cook, I told work for me and I will teach you everything I know! She said alright! That was in 2016. When I went to be a Supervisor for Muscgee Creek Nation Eldery Nutrition Program, she ask me to help her get a job, I said as soon as an opening comes I let her know. Well a cooks aid position came open, I told her that I would help get her get the job, but you better not make me look bad. She said Boss Lady I can't make you look bad, I was trained by the best!! Heda was a hard worker. She soon got promoted to a Roving Cook position. Which I know she enjoyed. Heda you were truly one of a kind, my heart will miss you until I join you in Heaven. Rest in Peace my friend!! Love Boss Lady

Tonya Crewse Trujillo - February 25 at 06:45 PM

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You said it all tonya, I met her through you at okmulgee seniors. She was a little rough around the edges but definitely a hard worker, it took me a bit to understand the person she was one of a kind but we became friends. Tonya was her bestie though. Rest in peace girl you will be missed by so many

Kay Stadtman - February 25 at 08:48 PM

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I also worked with Heda at Okmulgee Senior Center. My first impression of Heda was that she didnt like me. That because she really didnt say much to me. I remember telling Tonya, sister I dont think she likes me. Tonya told me that was just Heda. But it wasnt long after that she and I hit it off. Heda loved the cookies we used to make and would want Kay and I to make sure we made a few extra so she could have them. The seniors would put puzzles together and every chance we got we would sneak out there and work on them. Tonya most always caught us and we would blame each other saying it was her fault. Heda gave me the nickname of PapaPeanut. My grandson used to call me PapaPenny when he was little. And this is what my 2 year old niece Marley called me. Well Heda would tell her that isn't PapaPenny thats PapaPeanut and now thats what they all call me. Rest in peace Heda you are truly going to be missed. ❤️

Penny Crewse - February 26 at 02:11 PM

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“ We worked at the seniors citizens in okmulgee, she and I cooked in the kitchen had alot of fun times together, she had a sense of humor that some people didn't get unless you got to know her, she would do anything for you if she could. She will be missed



Kay Stadtman - February 23 at 03:32 PM