



## Rita Maxine Owens

October 25, 1936 - March 7, 2022

Rita Maxine Owens, 85, a resident of Fredonia, KS, passed away on Monday March 7, 2022 at Fredonia Regional Hospital. She was born on October 25, 1936 in Lone Oak, Texas to William “Bo” and Sybil (Reed) Bowman.

On November 23, 1954, Rita married Tom Owens and began her lifelong career as a military wife and homemaker. She and Tom had two daughters, Janie and Theresa. Rita and Tom were married 54 years until Tom’s passing in 2008. Rita and Tom spent several years in Texas, California, and Oklahoma but after Tom retired, they moved to Fredonia to be near family. Rita’s life revolved around her home, her husband, children and later, grandchildren and great grandchildren. The legacy she leaves behind as a wife, mother and grandmother will be dearly missed and never forgotten.

Rita leaves behind:

Her daughters Janie Gillett (Jim Dark) of Fredonia and Theresa Mellen of Washington

Grandchildren

Christopher

Jessica (David)

Marissa (Chris)

Tracy (Jason)

Jerry

Courtenay (Tim)

9 Great-Grandchildren

And 2 Great-Great-Grandchildren

In addition to her husband, Tom, she was preceded in death by:

Her parents, William and Sybil

A grandson, Matthew

Three brothers

And one sister

Cremation has been requested with a memorial graveside service to be held at Weakley Cemetery in New Albany, KS Friday, March 18, 2022 at 1:30 pm.

Online condolences can be left at [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com). Services entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home, 420 S. 20th St., P.O. Box 247 Fredonia, KS 66736.

# Cemetery Details

## **Weakley Cemetery**

New Albany, KS 66736

# Previous Events

## **Graveside Service**

MAR 18. 1:30 PM (CT)

Weakley Cemetery  
New Albany, KS 66736

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mary Barnes lit a candle in memory of Rita Maxine Owens*



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**Mary Barnes** - March 11, 2022 at 10:16 AM