

## Conni Jean (Hedge) Garrison Ortiz

Viewing and visitation for Conni Jean (Hedge) Garrison Ortiz will be held July 30, 2025, Wednesday evening from 6-8 P.M. at the Alexander Gray Funeral Home Chapel in Healdton. Services are under the care and direction of Alexander Gray Funeral Home and Crematory.

Conni Jean (Hedge) Garrison Ortiz, born on March 13, 1978, in Fort Worth, TX, she left this world on July 26, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of love, resilience, and a profound appreciation for nature.

Her journey began in Bedford, and as a young girl, she started her school years in Azle, Texas. In 1990, her family made a significant move to Ardmore, where Conni grew up, embracing the beauty of her surroundings and the warmth of community. On September 24, 1998, Conni married Mr. Wayne Garrison, and together they raised six beautiful children together, creating treasured memories that would last a lifetime. Wayne preceded her in death in 2017, marking a profound loss for Conni and their children. In the face of adversity, Conni demonstrated an unwavering spirit and an ability to find love once again. On July 1, 2022, she married Mr. Ricky Ortiz in Healdton, beginning a new chapter filled with joy and companionship. Conni's love for nature and animals was a defining aspect of her personality. She found solace in rehabilitating animals and took special delight in feeding the birds that visited her home. Her enthusiasm for the outdoors was evident in her passion for lakes, sunsets, and the thrill of chasing storms, experiences that brought her immense joy. In her moments of leisure, Conni expressed her creativity through music, enjoying the soothing sounds of singing and playing the harmonica. She also had a playful side, often immersing herself in games of Farkle, sometimes playing until the sun rose. A remarkable cook, she had the unique ability to craft full meals from minimal ingredients, showcasing her resourcefulness and talent in the kitchen. Guided by the mantra "ride your own wave," Conni embraced life on her terms, leaving those who knew her inspired by her strength and authenticity. Above all, her greatest love was reserved for her grandchildren, who were the central joy of her life. Conni Jean (Hedge) Garrison Ortiz will be remembered not only for her compassionate spirit and lively personality but also for the love she shared with her family and friends. Her memory will continue to live on in the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing her.

Also preceding her in death are her father, Ronnie W. Hedge; grandfather, Leon Wills; grandparents, Buddy and Ellen Hedge; father-in-law, Gilbert Ortiz.

Survivors include her husband, Ricky Ortiz of the home; children, Destiny Hedge of Wynnewood, Tessa Tucker of Ardmore, Kelli Wright and husband Clifton of Ardmore, Sara Garrison of Oklahoma City, and Jack Garrison of Ardmore; step-son, Dakota Garrison of Ardmore; bonus children, Hayden Ortiz and Makayla Ortiz both of Wilson; 8 grandchildren; mother, Judy M. Wills Hedge of Muskogee; grandmother, LaMona Wills of Muskogee; siblings, Jordan Decker of California and David Hedge of Durant; mother-in-law, Kay Ortiz of Healdton; niece, Shayla Turner of Lawton; nephew, Ronnie Hedge of Anna, TX; numerous other family and friends.

Condolences and memories may be shared online at [www.alexandergrayfh.com](http://www.alexandergrayfh.com).