



Dora Fern Gower

February 24, 1937 - October 28, 2025

Dora Fern Gower, 88 of Russellville, Arkansas passed away Tuesday, October 28, 2025 in Dallas, Texas. Heaven gained one feisty, funny, and fiercely loving woman. She was born February 24, 1937 in Hartman, Arkansas to Harve Guthrie and Jewel Gowing Guthrie. Dora was of the Methodist faith and enjoyed cooking reading, and golfing.

She was proud of her southern roots and never missed an opportunity to cheer on her beloved OU Sooners-even if it meant yelling at the TV loud enough for the neighbors to hear. Known for her quick wit, strong opinions, and heart of gold. She lived life with humor, grit, and an unshakeable love for her family. She loved deeply, laughed loudly, and told it like it was- always a twinkle in her eye. Her legacy is one of humor, strength, and unwavering devotion to family.

She is preceded in death by the love of her life, Jack Gower, married 64 years; two daughters, Linda Oxley and Pamela Gower; and one grandson, Corey McBroom.

Dora is survived by two daughters, Cheryl Gower of Clarksville, Arkansas and Tammi Ernst and husband Michael of Dallas, Texas; five grandchildren, Chris Murray, Lucas Murray, Cameron Ernst and partner Kelvin, Lauren Patterson and husband Brice, and Connor Ernst and wife Samantha; twelve great

grandchildren, Mya, Lola, and Art Murray, Hazel, Avett, Matilda, and Fitz Patterson, Andrew, Maizy, Gabrielle, Jack, and Susanna Ernst; and two great-great grandchildren, Ava and Jayden.

A celebration of her life memorial will be 10:00 A.M., Monday, November 3, 2025 at Shaffer Funeral Home, 2315 West Commercial Street in Ozark.

*In honor of Dora, the family invites everyone to wear a touch of red and white for OU- and to share a story or laugh, just as she would have wanted.

To leave an online memorial visit www.shafferfuneralhomeweb.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Memorial

NOV 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ The Beavers & Gillmans purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dora Fern Gower.



The Beavers & Gillmans - November 05, 2025 at 04:30 PM

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“ Love, MB AND PASCAL purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dora Fern Gower.



Love, MB AND PASCAL - November 02, 2025 at 10:29 AM

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“ Love, MB AND PASCAL planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dora Fern Gower.

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