



## Gayle Norman Graves

October 16, 1943 - January 8, 2025

Gayle Norman Graves, age 81, of Wheaton, MO passed away on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at Freeman Health System West in Joplin, MO. He was born in Deming, NM on Saturday, October 16, 1943; son of Lloyd and Ilafay (Offutt) Graves. Gayle learned how to make rugs on a loom and made many. He also learned and enjoyed doing pottery in his younger days. He also liked his talking books. Gayle was a loving brother and uncle. He always enjoyed being with his nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews. He will be missed by many.

Surviving are the following: his sister, Jaquetta "Jackie" (Ethan) Block of Wheaton, MO; two nieces, Tammy Burriss of Deming, NM and Valerie Ochoa of Sierra Vista, AZ; and several other nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews.

Gayle was preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd and Ilafay Graves; stepmother, Harriet Graves; a brother, Roddy Graves; and an aunt, Alma Offutt.

A Celebration of Life will be at 1:00 PM on Friday, April 18, 2025, at Mountain View Cemetery in Deming, NM with Pastor Ken Avaritt officiating. Arrangements are under the personal care and direction of Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO.

# Tribute Wall



“ Heartfelt hugs, prayers and much love are coming your way. 💜 The DeVaney Family



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“ My deepest condolences to you Jaquetta and all your family.  
May he now have his full peace.



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