



## Olivia Kay Burton

September 30, 1960 - March 16, 2026

Miss Olivia Kay Burton passed away after a brief illness on Monday, March 17, 2026.

Olivia Kay Burton was born on September 30, 1960, to Orville and Edna Burton. She was a lifelong resident of Wynne, Arkansas, dedicated her life to education, her community, and the countless students she inspired along the way.

Born and raised in Wynne, Olivia carried her love of learning into her higher education at Arkansas State University, where she earned her bachelor's degree and two master's degrees in business and education. Her commitment to knowledge and growth became the foundation of a remarkable career.

For 38 years, Olivia served as a devoted teacher in the Wynne Public Schools. She had a special gift for connecting with her students and a true passion for helping them succeed. She especially loved teaching science, math, and English, bringing each subject to life in a way that made learning meaningful and exciting.

Olivia was known for a phrase she often shared with her students: "You can do anything you want if you put your mind to it." Those words stayed with many of them long after they left her classroom. Over the years, her students

went on to become doctors, engineers, nurses, and professionals in many fields, often remembering Miss Burton as the teacher who believed in them and encouraged them to dream big.

In addition to her work in education, Olivia was an active member of the Business and Professional Women (BPW) organization, where she supported and encouraged women's growth and success in her community.

Beyond the classroom, Olivia enjoyed reading, shopping, and keeping up with the latest technology and gadgets. She had a curious mind and a love for learning that never faded.

Olivia's legacy lives on in the lives she touched, the lessons she shared, and the inspiration she gave to generations of students. She will be remembered not only as an exceptional educator but as a kind and encouraging presence who truly made a difference.

Visitation will be on Friday, 6 PM until 8 PM at Kernodle Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at 2 PM at Kernodle Funeral Home. Burial will be in Halk Cemetery.

Kernodle Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. You may sign an online guestbook at [www.kernodlefh.com](http://www.kernodlefh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Halk Cemetery

County Road 242  
Wynne, AR 72396

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 20. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kernodle Funeral Home  
315-325 E. Union Avenue  
Wynne, AR 72396  
(870) 238-2323  
kernodlefuneralhome@gmail.com  
<https://www.kernodlefh.com/>

## Funeral service

MAR 21. 2:00 PM (CT)

Kernodle Funeral Home  
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## Interment

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MAR **21** (CT)

Halk Cemetery  
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Wynne, AR 72396

# Tribute Wall

JF

“ *Jerri, Terri, Susan, Lonny & families. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Olivia Kay Burton.* ”



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**Jerri, Terri, Susan, Lonny & families.** - March 19 at 06:22 PM

LK

“ *So sorry for your loss* ”



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**Libby Krablin** - March 19 at 12:48 PM

FC

“ *Family of Joyce Coffey purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Olivia Kay Burton.* ”



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**Family of Joyce Coffey** - March 19 at 10:03 AM

MB

“ *Melissa, Darlene and family, I am so sorry for your loss! My thoughts and prayers are with y'all.* 🙏💕🙏 ”



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**Marice Boardman** - March 19 at 09:30 AM

DD

“ Roy and I are so sorry for your loss. Prayers for all.

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**Donna Doherty** - March 18 at 08:37 PM