



Sadie Cole Gordon

February 23, 1947 - July 12, 2022

Sadie Cole Gordon was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma on February 23rd, 1947 and died in Tulsa on July 12, 2022. Her parents, Earl and Sadie Cole preceded her in death. Sadie lived in several different places throughout her lifetime and attended several universities.

Sadie obtained her doctorate degree from OSU in 1979. From that time until 2000 she worked as a psychologist in private practice in Joplin, Missouri. While living in Joplin she was on the staff of St. John's, Freeman Hospital, and taught at Pittsburg State University and Missouri Southern State College.

She was active in numerous community organizations including St. Phillips Episcopal Church and Spiva Art Center where she was a lifetime member. Sadie was a member of PSU Foundation, active in Pro Musica Chamber Music, garden groups, and served on numerous executive boards. From 1977 until her death she was a member of PEO. Sadie was a lifelong feminist.

Sadie retired from her psychology practice in 2000 after the birth of her twin granddaughters, Grace and Sadie. After retirement she began to study in the field of horticulture and she moved to Grand Lake. She became a Master Gardener in 2001 and remained active until her death.

Sadie studied garden design and garden history at Cambridge University in

England. In 2006 she lived in London to study floral design at the Constance Spry Flower School. For the next 15 years, she attended classes in Europe and the US. While living at Grand Lake she served on the board of directors of Lendonwood Botanical Gardens and Friends of the Library.

In 2016, she moved to Tulsa and was active there in the Tulsa Garden Club, Tulsa Garden Center, and Linnaeus Teaching Garden. She served on the flower guild at St. John's Episcopal Church for four years. During this same time she was active in providing flower design classes and presentations. She was a writer that was published in several horticultural journals.

Sadie is survived by her daughter, Amelia E. Maples and her son-in-law, Eli Maples of Carthage, MO. As well as four grandchildren, Grace, Sadie, Abraham, and Graham Maples all of Carthage. She is also survived by a goddaughter, Kathleen Doody of Denver, Colorado.

Memorial contributions may be made to Teaching Garden at Woodward Park.

A memorial service for Sadie will be held Saturday, August 20th at 11a.m. St. John's Episcopal Church 4200 S Atlanta PI Tulsa, OK 74105

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St Johns Episcopal Church
4200 S Atlanta Pl
Tulsa , OK 74105

Tribute Wall

JC

“ *Sadie was a wonderful person and touched my life deeply. I'm just now reading about her passing and I'm so sorry for the family.*

She once told me we are all connected, a very enlightening thought.

Jean Christian - February 20, 2025 at 01:29 PM

JB

“ *Joy Barnett purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Sadie Cole Gordon.*



Joy Barnett - August 14, 2022 at 10:48 PM

BL

“ Amelia, I am so sorry to learn of your Mom’s passing. I send you and your family my most heat-felt condolences. Over the past few days since I heard the news, many thoughts and memories of Sadie have crossed my mind. She positively touched so many lives, including mine. One of my favorite memories during our long friendship was the month-long trip we took together in the summer of 1997 when we joined a delegation sponsored by Pittsburg State University to South Korea and China. Sadie was a perfect traveling companion, always curious and willing to explore. Both she and I had, since childhood, wanted to visit the Great Wall of China. On our 1997 trip, we got our wish, but we both wanted a very special visit. We wanted to explore the Great Wall on our own, away from the hordes of tourists that tramped behind tour guides. So Sadie and I conspired to “get lost” from our tour group. We were able to find solitude on the Great Wall for about two hours — long enough to enjoy a glass of “local wine” and a picnic lunch that we had secretly stuffed into our large travel purses. That day, we each checked off one of our “bucket list” adventures. That day was just one of the many wonderful times that I got to share with Sadie. I and so many others who have been positively touched by Sadie’s love, kindness, and intelligence will miss her. She was a very special human being!

Brenda LeTendre - July 18, 2022 at 04:30 PM



Brenda, Thank you for your kind words and story about mom. Her passing was very unexpected and even seven months later does not seem real to us. I am grateful that her time of illness was very brief. I will miss her for the rest of my life. Thank you for being such a great friend to her! She loved you!! - A

Amelia Maples - March 13, 2023 at 12:42 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Sadie Cole Gordon.*



July 15, 2022 at 05:33 PM