Francine’s Story


She had gone to Skaggs Alpha Beta grocery store to shop around 10:00 p.m. She preferred shopping at night when the stores were not crowded. Her car was found in the parking lot with the keys hanging in the driver’s side door. There were no clues and no leads. This began a 35 year long search to find her.

The first break came in 2008 when the University of North Texas, UNT, offered free DNA testing to family members of Missing Persons. Francine’s two sister’s and her daughter gave samples. They were entered into NamUs. NamUs is the national missing and unidentified persons system. It is funded by the National Institute of Justice and managed by the UNT Health Science Center. Francine’s missing persons report was entered into NamUs in 2010.

The next break came in 2013 when Angela Berg, OCME, found an autopsy report for unidentified remains found on January 5th, 1983. She entered the report information into NamUs.

In 2014, Cory Curl, Francine’s grandson, after years of intensely searching the internet entered a google search and a match came up. Carl K. from Webslueths had matched the files of the Missing Persons and the Unidentified in NamUs.

This began a search for the remains. They were buried in an unmarked grave at Greenhill Cemetery in Muskogee Oklahoma.
With the tireless help of Vernon Martin, Greenhill Cemetery superintendent, Muskogee DA Orvil Loge, and Angela Berg, OCME, the remains were found and exhumed. They were then sent to UNT for DNA conformation.

We received positive identification in August of 2016. 35 years after her disappearance.

Francine was laid to rest in a private service near her family. There are still many unanswered questions but the question of where she is has been answered.