



## Blanche Elaine Cherry-McFerron

February 26, 1937 - October 25, 2016

Blanche Elaine (Elrod) Cherry-McFerron, 79, of Miami went to be with her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, October 25, 2016. She was born on February 26, 1937 in Miami to J.M. and Beulah (England) Elrod. She taught piano to many over the years. She married Jerry McFerron in August of 1989. They were members of First Baptist Church. Elaine was a member of the Baptist Singing Church Women of Oklahoma for ten years. She loved singing and working in her yard with flowers and decorating her home and back yard as well as watching the many types of birds that she and Jerry cared for. Elaine was very proud of her Cherokee Indian Heritage. She participated in Cherokee Indian crafts including pottery. Her parents J.M. and Beulah Elrod preceded her in passing along with her three sisters Erma Rains, Maurine Hardy and Madeline Armstrong.

Survivors include her husband Jerry McFerron of the home her children Sam Cherry and his wife Heather of Mountain Home, Idaho, Steve Cherry and his wife Lori of Prescott Valley, Arizona, Jerry W. McFerron and his wife Carrie of Tyler, Texas, Dale McFerron and his wife Allison of Riverside, California, Monte McFerron and his wife Lori of Neosho, Missouri, her grandchildren Tyson Cherry and his wife Mandie of Tulsa, Sydney Smith and her husband Spencer of Oklahoma City, Jared McFerron and his wife Kelsey of Fort Worth, Texas, Samuel McFerron and Allen McFerron both of Neosho, Jaclyn Ann Cherry of Flagstaff, Arizona and Michael Cherry of Prescott Valley, Arizona,

her great grandchildren Jacy Cherry of Tulsa, Damian Cherry of Tulsa, and her sister Kathy Camp of Lake Fork, Texas.

Services will be 11: 30 AM, Monday, October 31, 2016 at First Baptist Church in Miami with Reverend Rick Longcrier officiating. Interment will be private prior to the service at Fairland Cemetery. Services are under the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Miami.

The family has asked that memorial contributions be made the Fern L. Holland Memorial Fund or the charity of your choice.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Elaine's Tribute Page at [www.brown-winters.com](http://www.brown-winters.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fairland Cemetery

Fairland, OK 74343

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT **31**. 11:30 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church - Miami

24 A St. SW

Miami, OK 74354

<http://www.fbcmiamiok.org>

# Tribute Wall

MM

“*Elaine McFerron was a beautiful person both inside and out. She loved life. She lived every day to the fullest.*

*The pride she had for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren was plain to see, as she always had each person's most current photograph hand trimmed and displayed under her glass tabletop. She frequently doted on each loved one at our visits to her home.*

*She loved her nicely decorated home and backyard. A lover of nature and birds, she showed off the variety that had flocked to eat her birdseed as we sat in her favorite room that was now the closed in version of what was once her back porch. She was creative in the design of her home, it's decor, and the landscaping of her yards. She also expressed this creativity through making Indian arts and crafts, painting, and through her purchases of paintings.*

*Elaine was always so hospitable, inviting my family to come over to see her. After multiple course meals, often she and I would go on a shopping excursion after lunch while the men stayed behind to watch TV or go to the airport to fly. She was especially certain there would always be a treasure to find at her favorite store, the Friendship house.*

*Elaine loved college football. She hardly ever missed an OU game, even if she was in the hospital.*

*Elaine loved music. She taught piano lessons to countless young students. She sang in the church choir. She sang with the Singing Church Women.*

*Most of all, Elaine loved the Lord. She often praised him for healing her from many ailments, including cancer. Along with her faith in the Great Physician, she always insisted that she and her family members find the best of care from the best doctors, and always raved about her own.*

*Elaine loved life, but she was also not worried about dying. She had all of her affairs in order and also lived each day to the fullest. As the author Natalie Babbitt wrote in her book Tuck Everlasting, "Don't be afraid of death; be afraid of an unlive life. You don't have to live forever, you just have to live." Elaine's life was a testament to this truth.*

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**Monte and Lori McFerron** - October 31, 2016 at 09:34 AM

GW

“ Steve, your mom made a difference in my life. I remember walking to your house every week hoping your mom wouldn't think she was wasting her time teaching piano to me. She inspired me to keep practicing and to do a little better every day. I still have all of the piano books and there are actually some songs with a "star" sticker added from her haha. My prayers are with you and your family.

*Greg Williams*

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**Greg Williams** - October 29, 2016 at 10:00 PM

AC

“ Abbie Cherry lit a candle in memory of Blanche Elaine Cherry-McFerron



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**Abbie Cherry** - October 29, 2016 at 08:55 PM

CM

“ I studied piano with Elaine around 2003-2005. She built the foundation for my music career and for that I will always be grateful. I still use/teach the techniques that she taught me everyday. My condolences to her family.

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**Corey Mast** - October 29, 2016 at 08:07 PM

CM

“ I studied piano with Elaine around 2003-2005. She built a great foundation for my career in music and for that I will forever be grateful. I still use/teach techniques that she shared with me everyday. My condolences to the family.

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**Corey Mast** - October 29, 2016 at 02:37 PM



“ Elaine has such a beautiful spirit. No matter what the circumstances, she always had a smile on her face and an awesome work ethic. It was my honor and joy to know her and she made me feel like family everytime I would get to see her. She will be missed.

-Brawn

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**Brawn Smith** - October 29, 2016 at 08:21 AM



“ Steve and Sam I was so saddened to here of the loss of your mom. She was always a wonderful women and I will miss her.

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**Rebecca Kelly** - October 29, 2016 at 01:19 AM

GD

“ George & Jean Draeger lit a candle in memory of Blanche Elaine Cherry-McFerron



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**George & Jean Draeger** - October 28, 2016 at 09:33 PM

MS

“ Mrs. McFerron was my piano teacher from 1987-1995 when I was growing up in Miami. She was such a special lady and always so supportive and encouraging. It really saddens me to hear of her passing. She truly cared about her students and wanted them to do well. May God comfort her family during this time. Sending prayers.



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**Marty Schnakenberg** - October 28, 2016 at 12:12 PM

SA

“ Aunt Elaine you were like a second mother to me. Aunt Elaine was the sweetest and kindest person I ever knew. I will greatly miss you so much, but you will live in my heart always. I love you.



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**Stephanie Alleshouse** - October 28, 2016 at 08:32 AM

YK

“ Yvonne Ketcher lit a candle in memory of Blanche Elaine Cherry-McFerron



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**Yvonne Ketcher** - October 27, 2016 at 09:21 PM

YK

“ I am so saddened to learn of Elaine's passing. So many memories, so many words I could say. She was such a pretty and kind lady and so pleasant and always smiling. The Class of 1955 was such a special class because of members like Elaine and we all will always remember her. with love. My deepest sympathy goes out to Jerry, Sam and Steve and other family members. You can be proud that she was in your family. RIP, dear friend.

Love, Yvonne Ketcher

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**Yvonne Ketcher** - October 27, 2016 at 09:19 PM

TM

“ Mrs. Cherry was my piano teacher when I was growing up in Miami. She was always so cheerful and kind even when I didn't practice. She was so lovely inside and out!

My heartfelt condolences to her family. My you find comfort in your memories of her in the days to come! You are in my prayers!

Terri Chambers Moore

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**Terri Chambers Moore** - October 27, 2016 at 08:10 PM

LE

“ So sad to hear of Elaine's passing. She was such a vibrant, loving, uplifting person. My sincere condolences to her boys and husband!

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**Loren England** - October 27, 2016 at 07:36 PM

JP

“ Steve, Lori and family we send our sincere condolences in the loss of your Mother. Always remember all of the great times as no one can take them away. You are in our prayers. We send your entire family a big hug.  
Dave and Jenny Petersmeyer



Jennifer Petersmeyer - October 27, 2016 at 06:10 PM

JP

“ Jennifer Petersmeyer lit a candle in memory of Blanche Elaine Cherry-McFerron



Jennifer Petersmeyer - October 27, 2016 at 06:02 PM

SW

“ Staff At Wildwood lit a candle in memory of Blanche Elaine Cherry-McFerron



Staff at Wildwood - October 27, 2016 at 04:03 PM

TT

“ The Communities Of Wildwood Therapy lit a candle in memory of Blanche Elaine Cherry-McFerron



The Communities of Wildwood Therapy - October 27, 2016 at 04:02 PM

KW

“ *Katie Woods lit a candle in memory of Blanche Elaine Cherry-McFerron*



Katie Woods - October 27, 2016 at 03:07 PM

SJ

“ *Words cannot convey the expression of sadness over the loss of our dear friend, Elaine. I can see her now singing, laughing and tending to God's garden of flowers. Jerry and I both send hugs to the family and prayers for your comfort.*

*Sherry and Jerry Jones*


Sherry Jones - October 27, 2016 at 01:56 PM

SA

“ *Such a beautiful lady inside and out. Aunt Elaine was like a second mother to me. I will dearly miss you but you will always live in my heart forever.*



Stephanie Alleshouse - October 27, 2016 at 01:51 PM

  
Roberta  
Lovell

“ *Elaine was my dear friend, very lovely lady. I was blessed to have her as a friend. When I saw her , I was so happy and my smile would light up when I would see her. She will be greatly missed. I appreciate her being my friend. She was AWESOME !*



Roberta Lovell - October 27, 2016 at 01:20 PM

JR

“ *Joe Raines lit a candle in memory of Blanche Elaine Cherry-McFerron*



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**Joe Raines** - October 27, 2016 at 10:51 AM

LC

“ *Lori Cherry lit a candle in memory of Blanche Elaine Cherry-McFerron*



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**Lori Cherry** - October 27, 2016 at 07:13 AM