



## Don E. Cherry

February 25, 1937 - November 4, 2014

Don E. Cherry, 77, a longtime Miami resident went to his heavenly home Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at Freeman Health System in Joplin, Missouri. Don was born on February 25, 1937 in Wewoka, Oklahoma to Orville E. and Mary (Gold) Cherry. Mr. Cherry worked at B.F. Goodrich as a tire builder; after the plant closed he went back to Missouri Southern State College to attain his Bachelor's Degree to become a school teacher. He taught for ten years at McCauley High School, a Catholic High School in Joplin. Don was a member of First Christian Church in Miami, loved being with his family and going to the "McCountry Club" or McDonalds for coffee with his friends. Things he enjoyed were Saint Louis Cardinals, fishing, hunting and golfing. Don's parents precede him in passing along with a brother Michael Dale Cherry and a sister Carolyn Stewart.

His loving family are his wife Abbie Cherry of the home, his children Sam Cherry and his wife heather of Mountain Home, Idaho, Steve Cherry and his wife Lori of Prescott Valley, Arizona, Kelli Vaughn of Broken Arrow, Sandi Vaughn of Miami and Brett Vaughn of Miami, his grandchildren Tyson Cherry, Michael Cherry, Jaclyn Cherry and Elin Vaughn, great grandchildren Jadyn Cherry and Damian Cherry and one brother Orville "Pete" Cherry and his wife Ann of Bartlesville along with his nieces and nephews.

Services for Mr. Cherry are 2:00 PM, Monday, November 10, 2014 at First

Christian Church in Miami with Minister Leon Weece and Minister Brian Brubaker officiating. Services are under the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service.

The family has asked that memorial contributions be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospitals in Don's name.

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

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV **10**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Church of Miami  
2424 North Main  
Miami, OK 74354  
(918) 542-9816  
<http://www.fccmiamiok.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Don E. Cherry*



**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - November 07, 2014 at 04:11 PM

KG

“ *sorry to hear about your dad sam. I went to school with you sam at will rogers back in the 70's. know that you all are in my prayers.*  
*Kathy gerock*



**kathy gerock** - November 07, 2014 at 01:56 PM

JS

“ *Prayers and thoughts go out to you and your family, Abbie.*  
*Judi and Larry Shelton*

**Judi Shelton** - November 07, 2014 at 10:53 AM

GM

“ *Jerry was a good friend and a good history teacher the times that I was working at McAuley high school. he was loved by all the students and also he was always losing his glasses for sure always on top of his head. he will be missed my condolences to his family*

**George major** - November 07, 2014 at 06:52 AM

BH

“ I was fortunate enough to have known Mr. Cherry as a history teacher, asst basketball coach and a great conversationalist. Some of my fondest high school memories are with him. I enjoyed talking to him in class, before games and we always got a kick out of his BF Goodrich stories.

Before our district championship basketball game he let out these final words before we took the court, "boys, go out and win this game tonight and you will never forget this moment for the rest of your lives." He was right on! We won and I will never forget that moment. I pray you find your way to Gods loving arms. Good bye Mr. Cherry.

*Brett Hergenrother*

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**Brett Hergenrother** - November 06, 2014 at 10:54 PM

LM

“ Mr. Cherry was a wonderful teacher. He was truly my favorite! I looked forward to his History class every day. Not only did he make learning fun but he also shared many personal life stories with us and it made him more relatable as a teacher. Mr. Cherry was hilarious and down to earth. He was kind and caring. Mr. Cherry you will certainly be missed, but you will never be forgotten! You will live on in the stories I will tell about you. May you rest in peace.

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**Lisa Malik** - November 06, 2014 at 10:00 PM

HJ

“ Mr. Cherry was one of my favorite teachers of all time. He was very kind-hearted and a wonderful story-teller. My thoughts & prayers are with his family. He was truly unique.

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**Holly (Haar) Jones** - November 06, 2014 at 09:49 PM

KW

“ So sorry to hear that "Uncle Don", as I grew up knowing him, has passed away. My love and prayers to all of you. ❤️  
Kara Lay-Waterman

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**Kara Waterman** - November 06, 2014 at 08:50 PM

MM

“ Mr. Cherry was my teacher at McAuley. He was one of my favorites and made a boring class, geography and civics, fun. He will be missed.

*Meredith Meadows*  
*MHS '94*

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**Meredith Meadows** - November 06, 2014 at 08:22 PM