



Jane Ellen Neal

February 12, 1964 - March 26, 2024

Jane Ellen Neal of Miami, Oklahoma passed away at her home on Tuesday, March 26, 2024. Jane was born on February 12, 1964, in Miami to Charles A. Jr. and Helen “Kaki” Kathryn (Chambers) Neal. She graduated from Miami High School with the Class of 1982, before attending the University of Oklahoma for her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in library science. Jane was active in band and speech and debate while in high school. She appreciated dry humor and was very quick and smart. She liked to go antiquing and thoroughly enjoyed literary and word games as well as her network of friends. An avid reader and lover of books, she worked as a librarian and founded J. Harrington’s Book Store on Main Street Miami. Her love for animals was profound and she adored her cats. Jane was preceded in passing by her parents.

The family that will share Jane’s memory are her siblings Mary Neal and her husband Robert Charity of Saint Louis, Missouri; Elizabeth Diebold and her husband Jeff of Argyle, Texas; and Chuck Neal and his wife Ann of Miami, Oklahoma. Jane’s nieces and nephews are Maggie Dains and her husband Craig, Lauren Feeley and her husband Brian, Claire Edwards, Kelsey Neal, Spencer Neal and his wife Annie, and Samuel Neal.

Services will be 10:30 AM on Saturday, April 6, 2024, at First United Methodist Church’s Chapel in Miami with Reverend Susan Rice officiating. There will be

a visitation beforehand at 10 AM. Interment will follow at the Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery under the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami.

The family has asked that memorial contributions be made to Friends of the Miami Public Library. <https://miamipl.okpls.org/friends-of-the-library/>

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Jane's Tribute Page at www.brown-winters.com.

Cemetery Details

Grand Army of the Republic

2801 North Main Street
Miami, OK 74354

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church - Miami
200 B NW
Miami, OK 74354
<http://www.fumcmiami.org>

Visitation will be in the Parlor before the services.

Service

APR 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church - Miami
200 B NW
Miami, OK 74354
<http://www.fumcmiami.org>

The service will take place in the chapel.

Tribute Wall

LD

“ *She was a very nice and loving soul* □

liz diebold - September 17, 2025 at 04:04 PM

JH

“ *Remember many childhood birthday party's with Jane and my sister Jeannie May both rest in Heavenly peace. Blessings to family James Hetherington*

James Hetherington - April 21, 2024 at 04:20 AM

CO

“ *Jane was such a sweet soul. Still recall how she helped her big brother paste evidence cards for his high school debates. Her love of books inspired many and Miami would not hVe a book store today if it was not for her opening one years ago.*

cynthia Tam Owen - April 07, 2024 at 03:17 PM

TT

“ *Tom & Jackie Tryon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jane Ellen Neal.*

Tom & Jackie Tryon - April 04, 2024 at 03:12 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jane Ellen Neal.*



April 04, 2024 at 03:12 PM

JL

“ I’m so sorry to hear about Jane’s passing. She was a kind person.

Jessica Lemings - April 03, 2024 at 02:34 PM

TG

“ I’m so sorry to hear of Jane's passing. I got to know Jane when she was the Librarian at Welch Public Schools. She also voluntarily helped with the Speech & Debate team. I enjoyed her so much! She was a fun and lovely lady!

Trisha George - April 01, 2024 at 12:36 AM

TW

“ I was shocked to see Jane had passed! I really liked her. I think I met her first when Chapters was “J Harrington’s”. She was always kind and I enjoyed our brief visits. Later we bought a red leather chair from her. Every time I look at it I’ve thought of her. My condolences to Chuck, Ann and family. ❤️

Tammy Willcox - March 29, 2024 at 07:52 PM

BS

“ Jane was in my speech classes and on the speech team for a while. She was shy but during speech lessons she seemed to develop. An individual with her own unusual personality, she was respected and loved. She became very independent as an adult. She seemed to prefer a life apart from most others but always respected them. She grew unafraid just to be who she was and live as she wished. I will always have a special place in my heart for this unique and loving woman.

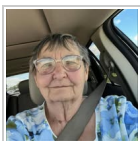


Barbara Smith - March 29, 2024 at 05:49 PM

AM

“ Jane was my boss, friend, and mentor at J. Harrington's. She was so very smart about so very much. She closed the bookstore for my wedding! I learned about life, coffee, books, and business. She was a great person and I adored my time spent with her. I never forgot how she treated me well and we could talk about most every thing. Rest easy Jane.

Amanda McKee - March 29, 2024 at 04:46 PM



“ I will always remember and cherish the time spent with Jane and my son. She was one of the sweetest people I have met and I am so sorry for her passing.

Goldie Smith Tidwell DeGroot - March 29, 2024 at 09:53 AM