



Jerilyn Faye Craig

February 21, 1951 - April 15, 2016

Jerilyn Faye Craig, 65, of Grove passed away at her home on April 15, 2016. Jerilyn was born on February 21, 1951 in Longmont, Colorado to Charlie and Betty (Kean) Zordel. The family moved first to Missouri and then to the Miami area residing on a farm near Spring River. Jerilyn grew up helping with the family farm doing chores and milking cows before going to school. She was a 1969 graduate of Miami high school before she went on to receive her Bachelor's in Education from the University of Oklahoma and then her Master's in Reading from Northeastern State University. She married Rick Craig on August 10, 1974 in Miami, Oklahoma and began her teaching career in Gallup, NM. Jerilyn continued teaching first grade at Wyandotte and Miami public schools where she was named teacher of the year at both places. After retirement, she continued her love of working with children at Picher Public Schools and the Miami boys and girls club. Jerilyn was very family oriented, she was always supportive of her children and loved spending time with her grandchildren. She and Rick are members of First United Methodist Church in Miami. Jerilyn was preceded in passing by her parents Charlie and Betty Zordel.

Survivors include her husband Rick Craig of the home, her children Whitney Schroeder and her husband Mike of Broken Arrow, Corie Wells and her husband John of Woodward, Oklahoma and Gabriel Craig also of Woodward, her grandchildren Kendal Wells, Connor Wells, Gracie Schroeder and Maxson

Schroeder, her brother and sisters, Karla Lancaster and her husband Burt of Grove, Adonna Helmig and husband Don of Commerce, Chuck Zordel and Debbie Garrett of Miami and Delauna Fletcher of Edmond along with many nieces and nephews and many other relatives.

Visitation will be Sunday, April 17, 2016 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami.

Services are on Monday, April 18, 2016 at 2:00 PM at First United Methodist Church in Miami with Reverend Mark Rickman officiating. Interment will follow at Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery under the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service.

Casketbearers will be Michael Barnes, John Penalosa, Jason Ashmann, Mike Paonessa, Mark Zordel and Chaz Fletcher.

Honorary Casketbearers will be Clark Osborn and Miami High School Class of 1969.

The family has asked that memorial contributions be made to the National Pancreatic Cancer Foundation or to First United Methodist Church in Miami.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Mrs. Craig'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 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service
5 B Street NW
Miami, OK 74354
(918) 542-3311
info@brown-winters.com
<https://www.brown-winters.com>

Celebration of Life

APR 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Jerilyn Faye Craig*



Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - April 17, 2016 at 08:31 PM

 Lisa Campbell

Thank you for sharing! The older pictures took me right back! I loved Betty, Charlie and Jerilyn! ❤️🙏

Lisa Campbell - April 18, 2016 at 06:55 PM

 CS

Brings back wonderful memories of precious Jerilyn.

Carla Campbell Smith - April 19, 2016 at 03:23 PM

 NK

Such precious precious memories of my dear Jerilyn and her wonderful loving family. I miss you so much but I know we will meet again. Love you Jerilyn infinity. Thank you for sharing these beautiful moments of a life well lived and so full of love. ❤️

Naomi King - May 06, 2016 at 08:32 PM

 AH

I love it so very much and it is helpful on the days I really miss her. Thank you.

adonna helmig - May 22, 2016 at 05:52 PM

ME

“ Max an I will always remember Jerilyn and her smile. The memories of the wedding are something we treasure. We are sorry for your loss/ Love, Max and Helen Ehrhart

Max and Helen Ehrhart - April 30, 2016 at 11:07 AM

JF

“ Rick, I am so sorry to hear about Jerilyn. Our prayers for you and your family is that you will find peace and comfort. I instantly thought back to when we ran into you and Jerilyn going to the Righteous Brothers concert in Tulsa several years ago. We will keep you and your family n our thoughts and prayers --Jeanie and Gary Fox

Jeanie Fox - April 24, 2016 at 07:54 PM

DF

“ Delauna Fletcher lit a candle in memory of Jerilyn Faye Craig



Delauna Fletcher - April 20, 2016 at 04:37 PM

 Linda Phelps

“ Rick & Family: My Prayers that God will put a comforting hand on you during this time.
I am so sorry for your lost. Linda Phelps, Siloam Springs, AR

Linda Phelps - April 19, 2016 at 11:31 PM

JL

“ *Jim Leonard lit a candle in memory of Jerilyn Faye Craig*



Jim Leonard - April 19, 2016 at 10:24 PM



“ *It was during our 30-year class reunion. I had brought my annual and my dad's copy that he got as a member of the school board. Jerilyn asked if she could have it, and of course told her yes. She was so excited and I was so delighted to make her that happy. I will never forget her infectious smile and happiness. Heaven is a brighter place today.*
--Mike Cole

Mike Cole - April 18, 2016 at 10:08 PM

DE

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family! Jerilyn was always a very sweet and loving person to everyone she was around.*



Debbe Edwards - April 18, 2016 at 09:24 PM

AC

“ *jerilyn was an angel on earth and now she is an angel for eternity! She left this world a better place for all who knew her!*
Abbie Cherry



abbie cherry - April 18, 2016 at 09:01 PM

JH

“ *Janie Helton lit a candle in memory of Jerilyn Faye Craig*



Janie Helton - April 18, 2016 at 06:36 PM

SS

“ *Sherry Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Jerilyn Faye Craig*



Sherry Sullivan - April 18, 2016 at 03:11 PM

TS

“ *Our entire family extends our condolences to the Craig family. Our families go back many many years to hanging out together at Charlie and Betty's farm and then becoming neighbors across from Rick and Jerilyn. You all have always held such a special place in our hearts. We know she is free from her cancer now. Prayers of comfort and understanding.*

Chuck, Marsha, Tonya, Justin, and families

Tonya Stogsdill - April 18, 2016 at 12:52 PM

KR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Jerilyn was a beautiful person inside and out. She was always smiling and happy. Now she is one of God's Angels in heaven. RIP

Kathy (Linton) Riley

Kathy Riley - April 18, 2016 at 10:42 AM

DB

“ Rick and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Jerilyn was a wonderful person. May God be with you and your family at this time

Debby Bauer - April 18, 2016 at 10:32 AM

DM

“ Dan Mailath lit a candle in memory of Jerilyn Faye Craig



dan mailath - April 18, 2016 at 09:09 AM

DM

Sharon Garrett Mailath and Dan Mailath always enjoyed talking to you over the years.

dan mailath - April 18, 2016 at 09:11 AM

PS

“ Rick and family. I am so sorry to hear of Jerilyn's passing. I did not know of her diagnosis and the battle she had been waging. Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers. Pam Jordan Schmidt



Pam Jordan Schmidt - April 18, 2016 at 08:47 AM

DP

“ *Debbie S. Paul lit a candle in memory of Jerilyn Faye Craig*



Debbie S. Paul - April 18, 2016 at 12:21 AM

DR

“ *Dottie Botts Ridge lit a candle in memory of Jerilyn Faye Craig*



Dottie Botts Ridge - April 17, 2016 at 11:40 PM

DR

Peace be with you and your family at this time.

Dottie Botts Ridge - April 17, 2016 at 11:41 PM

TJ

“ *Your family will be in our prayers , may you be lifted up in comfort at this time . Doug and Tammy James*



tammy james - April 17, 2016 at 09:59 PM

JH

“ *What a great video of a sweet lady with a beautiful smile! I never saw her without that smile. I'm so glad I got a hug from her a few months ago. My prayers and thoughts are with the family and the many other people who loved her.*

Julie (Hite) Henbest - April 17, 2016 at 09:32 PM

AM

“ *Im so glad that I got to see you one last time when you was in the hospital im sorry it was under those circumstances but we hugged eachother and both cried.. I love you so much thank you for always being my favorite teacher of all times! You was my mom when I didnt have one.. Dance with the angels and fly high!*

Amy Brewer

Amy - April 17, 2016 at 09:00 PM

TB

“ *Ted & Melanie Bearden lit a candle in memory of Jerilyn Faye Craig*



Ted & Melanie Bearden - April 17, 2016 at 08:20 PM

SW

“ *Susan Woods lit a candle in memory of Jerilyn Faye Craig*



Susan Woods - April 17, 2016 at 07:31 PM

SW

“ *Jerilyn was one of the most beautiful people, inside and out, I ever met. It was always a pleasure to visit with her. I remember her talking about the mission trip to Mexico and, knowing her as a teacher, I could tell how much she cared for all of the children. She was a blessing to many children and their families as well as to her own friends and family. I remember lots of her teaching stories and am blessed to have known her.*

Susan Woods - April 17, 2016 at 07:31 PM

DS

“ *Diane Schartz lit a candle in memory of Jerilyn Faye Craig*



diane schartz - April 17, 2016 at 05:37 PM



“ *146 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - April 17, 2016 at 05:36 PM

DS

“ *Debi Smith lit a candle in memory of Jerilyn Faye Craig*



Debi Smith - April 17, 2016 at 05:03 PM

LM

“ *Larry Mercer lit a candle in memory of Jerilyn Faye Craig*



larry Mercer - April 17, 2016 at 04:10 PM

RO

“ *Randy And Peggy Oney lit a candle in memory of Jerilyn Faye Craig*



Randy and Peggy Oney - April 17, 2016 at 03:28 PM

MR

“ *We have lost a very dear angel. Sweet memories.*



Marsha Rickel - April 17, 2016 at 02:50 PM

SB

“ Stephanie Baldwin lit a candle in memory of Jerilyn Faye Craig



Stephanie Baldwin - April 17, 2016 at 02:17 PM

SM

“ Shellie Mullin lit a candle in memory of Jerilyn Faye Craig



Shellie Mullin - April 17, 2016 at 01:13 PM

KD

“ I first met Jerilyn when my daughter was in first grade. At first impression she had the best smile and it was evident that those first graders adored her. What a pleasure to see your kids get such a wonderful teacher just starting grade school! She was a lovely human being..she will be missed by many.



Karen Duderstadt - April 17, 2016 at 11:21 AM

CB

“ Cindy Baldwin lit a candle in memory of Jerilyn Faye Craig



Cindy Baldwin - April 17, 2016 at 11:18 AM

BB

“ Rick,
Our thoughts and prayers are for the Lord's presence to bless all as you celebrate Jerilyn's life and service. We value our times of sharing in Christ's work on the mission trips with you all. Bob and Joyce Barker

Bob Barker - April 17, 2016 at 11:17 AM

BL

“ Barbara Loring lit a candle in memory of Jerilyn Faye Craig



Barbara Loring - April 17, 2016 at 11:07 AM

DE

“ Diane Engles lit a candle in memory of Jerilyn Faye Craig



Diane Engles - April 17, 2016 at 10:26 AM

CL

“ *Jerilyn was the best friend anyone could ever ask for. She was always kind, thoughtful, and supportive. She cared and demonstrated love and kindness to others each and every day with no thought of what she would get in return. She lived a lesson in love for all of us that knew her to aspire too. I'll be eternally grateful and thankful to have had her for my longtime friend. To her family, I honor all of you and pray for you all to be comforted and surrounded by love and strength during this sad time. Her love and kindness endures. Her legacy lives on.*

Love,
Cynthia Cowles Love



Cynthia Love - April 17, 2016 at 09:15 AM



“ *Vickie Kelley lit a candle in memory of Jerilyn Faye Craig*



Vickie Kelley - April 17, 2016 at 09:06 AM

JG

“ *Sending love and prayers to all of Jerilyn's family. May you be comforted by the peace of God and strengthened in the days to come.*

Grace and Peace,
Larry and Janice Garrison

Janice Garrison - April 17, 2016 at 06:29 AM

JM

“ *Jan Long Myers lit a candle in memory of Jerilyn Faye Craig*



Jan Long Myers - April 17, 2016 at 05:46 AM

JT

“ *Julie Turner lit a candle in memory of Jerilyn Faye Craig*



Julie Turner - April 17, 2016 at 12:20 AM

MH

“ *Mandy Hixon lit a candle in memory of Jerilyn Faye Craig*



Mandy Hixon - April 16, 2016 at 11:35 PM

DM

“ *Jerilyn, What a blessing it was to know you. Your smile was so infectious. The class of 69 has lost a great woman and God has gained another angel.*

DeWayne Mead - April 16, 2016 at 09:50 PM

KC

“ *Jerilyn was such a great field trip chaperone. She always brought plenty of patience and smiles along. Praying for the Comforter to be there for each of you in a very special way. ♡Mrs. Cruise*

Karen Cruise - April 16, 2016 at 09:07 PM

 Deanna
Turner
Billings

“ *Mrs. Craig you will be missed dearly, you were a wonderful teacher. Prayers to your family.*



Deanna Turner Billings - April 16, 2016 at 08:42 PM

LM

“ *Lynda Munroe lit a candle in memory of Jerilyn Faye Craig*



Lynda Munroe - April 16, 2016 at 08:13 PM

SF

“ We are sending prayers your way during this difficult time. Jerilyn was such a kind and special person. We truly admired her faith and strength during this battle. She was a inspiration for Sal and all of us. She will be truly missed but will live on forever. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" John 3.16



Karla, Sal and Easton Fira

Sal Fira - April 16, 2016 at 06:57 PM

CS

“ Jerilyn and I made a trip several years ago to Aurora, CO to visit long time friend, Pat Loehr as she was preparing to transition. It was a wonderful gift for us to spend several days with Pat. Jerilyn and I had a wonderful time that I'll never forget. Now she and Pat are reunited. What a glorious celebration they must be having 🙏

Carla Smith - April 16, 2016 at 06:56 PM

 Lisa
Campbell

“ Lisa Campbell lit a candle in memory of Jerilyn Faye Craig



Lisa Campbell - April 16, 2016 at 06:51 PM

DC

“ *Jerilyn was one of the most amazing ladies!
Always a smile, always kind!! Our family was
blessed by her as a teacher and friend!
Thankful to have known this lady!*



Debbie Clark - April 16, 2016 at 06:43 PM

SF

“ *Sal Fira lit a candle in memory of Jerilyn Faye
Craig*



Sal Fira - April 16, 2016 at 06:38 PM

KF

“ *Karla, Sal, Easton Fira lit a candle in memory
of Jerilyn Faye Craig*



Karla, Sal, Easton Fira - April 16, 2016 at 06:37 PM

KF

“ *Karla, Sal And Easron Fira lit a candle in
memory of Jerilyn Faye Craig*



Karla, Sal and Easron Fira - April 16, 2016 at 06:36 PM

GS

“ Gary & Freda Shadwick lit a candle in memory of Jerilyn Faye Craig



Gary & Freda Shadwick - April 16, 2016 at 06:09 PM



Michael Barnes

“ Michael Barnes lit a candle in memory of Jerilyn Faye Craig



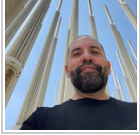
Michael Barnes - April 16, 2016 at 06:01 PM



“ Juan Penalosa lit a candle in memory of Jerilyn Faye Craig



Juan Penalosa - April 16, 2016 at 05:33 PM



“ *It was my favorite and she must have read it to me more than 1000 times over the years. Sometimes just to me, sometimes to all of us - when it was my turn to choose the bedtime story - almost always reading it 4 or 5 times in a row. Patient and kind and always the teacher. It's a happy memory, but right now I'm just heartbroken.* ”

*Wynken, Blynken, and Nod one night
Sailed off in a wooden shoe —
Sailed on a river of crystal light,
Into a sea of dew.*

*"Where are you going, and what do you wish?"
The old moon asked the three.
"We have come to fish for the herring fish
That live in this beautiful sea;
Nets of silver and gold have we!"
Said Wynken, Blynken, and Nod.*

*The old moon laughed and sang a song,
As they rocked in the wooden shoe,
And the wind that sped them all night long
Ruffled the waves of dew.
The little stars were the herring fish
That lived in that beautiful sea —
"Now cast your nets wherever you wish —
Never afraid are we";
So cried the stars to the fishermen three:
Wynken, Blynken, and Nod.*

*All night long their nets they threw
To the stars in the twinkling foam —
Then down from the skies came the wooden shoe,
Bringing the fishermen home;
'Twas all so pretty a sail
it seemed
As if it could not be,
And some folks thought 'twas a dream they'd dreamed*

*Of sailing that beautiful sea —
But I shall name you the fishermen three:
Wynken, Blynken, and Nod.*

*Wynken and Blynken are two little eyes,
And Nod is a little head,
And the wooden shoe that sailed the skies
Is a wee one's trundle-bed.
So shut your eyes while mother sings
Of wonderful sights that be,
And you shall see the beautiful things
As you rock in the misty sea,
Where the old shoe rocked the fishermen three:
Wynken, Blynken, and Nod.*

Juan Penalosa - April 16, 2016 at 05:32 PM

CW

“ *Charlie & Debbie Wilmoth lit a candle in
memory of Jerilyn Faye Craig*



Charlie & Debbie Wilmoth - April 16, 2016 at 05:03 PM

KP

“ *Kourtney Poteet lit a candle in memory of
Jerilyn Faye Craig*



Kourtney Poteet - April 16, 2016 at 10:55 AM

PH

“ Ms J was a beautiful person inside & out! I will miss her & that beautiful smile! Love, hope & prayers to the family 🙏💕💕. Pam Hart

Pam Hart - April 16, 2016 at 10:06 AM

PH

“ Pam Hart lit a candle in memory of Jerilyn Faye Craig



Pam Hart - April 16, 2016 at 10:01 AM

CS

“ I was fortunate to have spent two afternoons recently with Jerilyn. Those memories of her laughing and us reliving times from our long friendship will remain etched in my mind and heart forever. We were friends for nearly 50 years. Her friendship was a gift I shall always treasure.

Carla Campbell Smith - April 16, 2016 at 08:57 AM

SW

“ Suzie Webber Walker lit a candle in memory of Jerilyn Faye Craig



Suzie Webber Walker - April 16, 2016 at 08:44 AM

SW

“ Oh, Jerilyn, I first saw you when your mom brought you and a few others to Rockdale Elementary School for your first day. You made our 6th grade class of 12 back to 13, I think. You have to be the most gentle girl (you're still a girl to me) I've ever met. I am so grateful for the reunion so I could meet the woman you became. I thought of you often through the years and always with love. See you later sweetheart.

Suzie Webber Walker - April 16, 2016 at 08:42 AM