



## JoAnn Merit

February 25, 1940 - August 14, 2020

JoAnn Merit, 80, a longtime Miami resident passed away on Friday, August 14, 2020. She was born on February 25, 1940 in Claremore, Oklahoma to James Kenneth Sr. and Lena Beryl (Staton) Pogue. She worked at Glenberry's Manufacturing. She got to know the community well in her many years at Belks and then Hills. She had also worked at US Metal. On February 14, 1980 she married her husband of thirty-nine years H. Glen Merit. They were members of Southern Hills Baptist Church in Miami. She and Glen were very involved in the Church with the AWANAS groups, Bible School and the Faith Riders. JoAnn was also involved in OHCE for many years. She was preceded in passing by her parents, James and Lena Pogue, her husband H. Glen Merit, Brothers James Kenneth Pogue Jr. and John Pogue and one great grandson.

Survivors include JoAnn's Twins Gina Kaye Payne and her husband Dewayne of Miami, Jana Gaye Littlefield of Diamond, Missouri and Troy Glen Merit of Newalla, Oklahoma, Deborah Lynn Gibson and her husband Kent of Delaware, and Jaki Leann Blevins of Afton, her brothers Jack Pogue, Tom Pogue, Bob Pogue, Don Pogue, her sisters Carolyn Ritchey and Mary Kay Allen, grandchildren, Megan Shoemake, Cody Merit, Casey Merit, Tyler Merit, Keeley Smith, Whitney Gilbert, Kohlsyn Gibson, Tiffany Rozell, Ryan Pettus, Jayson Moffett, Rachel Cravens, Brittany Bell, Zack Blevins and Branden Blevins along with twenty-five great grandchildren. JoAnn is also survived by

his nieces, nephews and cousins along with a host of friends.

Viewing will be on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami from 8:00 AM until 8:00 PM.

Visitation is Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM.

There will be a Celebration of Life at 10:00 AM, Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at First Christian Church with Pastor John Rozell officiating. Interment will follow at the Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery in Miami under the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami.

Casket Bearers will be Cody Merit, Casey Merit, Tyler Merit, Kohlsyn Gibson, Ryan Pettus, Jayson Moffett.

The family has asked that memorial contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

The family has asked that friends and family please wear a mask at visitation for the health and safety of the family.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Grand Army of the Republic

2801 North Main Street  
Miami, OK 74354

# Previous Events

## Viewing

AUG 18. 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service  
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Miami, OK 74354  
(918) 542-3311  
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## Celebration of Life

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AUG **19**. 10:00 AM (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 JoAnn Merit*



**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - August 18, 2020 at 03:13 PM



“ *126 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - August 18, 2020 at 12:35 PM

MO

*I've known Jo Ann many years and she was such a caring woman. She will always be remembered by me and so many others.*  
*Mary Frances Overton*

**Mary Frances Overton** - August 20, 2020 at 01:52 PM

PL

“ We were on a weekend camping trip when I saw the news of Aunt JoAnn. She was always so special and loved all of our kids and made each and everyone of us feel special when we would visit all of the family in Oklahoma. My niece said that we should all wear bright red lipstick yesterday. One of the special memories all of her great nieces and nephews had was her always giving them kisses as a hello and goodbye. And she made sure to leave a bright red lipstick mark. Of course they all acted like they didn't want it, but you know they loved every special kiss and hug from her. Love all of you and we will be praying and sending hugs of comfort to you from Iowa. Love Pam Lloyd and John Merit & families!!

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**Pam Lloyd** - August 16, 2020 at 03:00 PM

AC

“ Joann is going to be very missed at wildwood . We all love her so much. She was always so fun, always making us laugh with her jokes she would pull on us. She had nicknames for her favorites, I'm lucky I had one of those nicknames well I had a couple lol. What a great woman! Wildwood is not going to be the same. But we all know she's where she wanted to be. She always talked about glen and told me many times she wanted to be with him. She wasn't the same after glen passed and now she can finally be happy again.

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**Augusta clevenger** - August 15, 2020 at 06:42 PM

DG

Augusta,  
You were one of her favorites! Thank you for loving her and taking such good care of her! It was a comfort having such kind and sweet people taking care of her and Dad both. We appreciate you and all of the Wildwood staff.  
~ Debbie

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**Debbie Gibson** - August 16, 2020 at 12:19 AM

RC

*Agreed! Thank you augusta for all the love you had for them*

*~rachel cravens*

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**rachel cravens** - August 16, 2020 at 08:09 AM

JP

*Thank you Augusta for loving my aunt Jody so much...I was really touched when your shift was over and you came in to tell her you were leaving, see her in the morning and kiss her forehead.... tells me you are a very special young lady and I know she loved you much.... Janis Powell*

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**Janis Powell** - August 16, 2020 at 05:48 PM

MB

*Another 1958 Wardog, gone, but not forgotten!*

*Margaret Miller Baker*

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**Margaret Miller Baker** - August 17, 2020 at 11:19 AM