



Dr. John Arthur McFerron

July 12, 1952 - July 11, 2025

Dr. John Arthur McFerron, a longtime Miami Optometrist, passed away on Friday, July 11, 2025, at Freeman Health Center in Joplin, Missouri. John was born in Miami to Arthur Samuel and Betty Jane (Moon) McFerron. John graduated from Miami High School; he followed his love of Music to the University of Tulsa, where he received a music scholarship. He went on to graduate from the Southern College of Optometry in 1980. He married the love of his life Julie Neely, and they made their home in Miami, where he would begin a forty-five-year optometry practice. John was still seeing patients whom he deeply cared for and was grateful for the opportunity to be an optometry provider in the community he grew up. John was a very accomplished trumpet player. He enjoyed hunting in his younger years and fly fishing later in life until his passing. He loved sharing his gourmet meals with friends and family. He was well known to share a wide variety of jokes both good and bad. John is preceded in passing by his Parents, Arthur and Betty McFerron.

Those who carry John's legacy are his wife Julie McFerron of the home, his children Dr. Brian Arthur McFerron and his wife Nancy of Indianapolis, Indiana and Dr. Ashley McFerron Brittner and her husband Leonard of Lake Oswego, Oregon, his grandchildren Benjamin Arthur McFerron and Dez Brittner, along with his mother-in-law whom he shared a special relationship, Maggie Neely. Visitation will be 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at Fairland First United Methodist Church.

Services will be 10:00 AM, Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at First United Methodist Church in Miami with Reverend Tim Mixson officiating. Interment will follow at the Rolston Cemetery on Monkey Island under the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami.

Casketbearers will be Gary Brock, Dr. Chris Robinson, Michael Robinson, Bill Harsch, Dr. Chauncey Witcraft, and Lonnie Spencer.

The family has asked that memorial contributions be made to McFerron Family Nursing Endowment at NEO A&M College, the Fairland United Methodist Church, Backpack Program, or Teachers Toolbox at the Episcopal Church in Miami.

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

Cemetery Details

Rolston Cemetery

Monkey Island, OK

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church - Fairland
122 West Church Avenue
Fairland, OK 74343

Celebration of Life

JUL **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

GD

“ Dear Julie and Family. I was saddened to hear about John’s death. Over the years I often heard very nice things said about him. Sadly, I never met him. I wish our families had gotten together more often over the years, but with your living in Oklahoma, and my family even further away in Alaska, it never happened. Please know that my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family as you grieve your loss of John.

Gary and Ruth Ann Dodson, and Family

Gary Dodson - July 31, 2025 at 02:00 PM

GC

“ John and I had a million great times while we attended Optometry school. I will miss you John.

Gilan

Gilan Cockrell - July 25, 2025 at 07:41 PM

JR

“ Jim R. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. John Arthur McFerron.

Jim R. - July 17, 2025 at 01:34 PM

MH

“ Julie,
We were so saddened to hear of John’s sudden passing. He was a special person and a wonderful trumpet player.
I have wonderful memories of him and the other cousins at Grandma and Grandpa’s farm.
Our thoughts and prayers remain with you and your family. We ask God to comfort you on this new and unwanted journey.
We regret that we were unable to attend the visitation last night and the service this morning. We both are having health struggles that limit our activities at the present time.
Once again, may God wrap His arms around you all.x
Love, Arnold and Margaret Hawthorne

Margaret Hawthorne - July 16, 2025 at 09:50 PM

LB

“ Dear Julie and family,

Dave and I were so saddened to hear about John’s death. The times we got to see all of you were few and far between because of the distance. Aunt Maggie was always so good about keeping us informed at the Neely family reunions, and we were always grateful for that. We will continue to keep all of you in our prayers during this extremely difficult time!

Love to all of you,
Linda

Linda Bartlett - July 15, 2025 at 04:39 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. John Arthur McFerron.



July 15, 2025 at 10:21 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. John Arthur McFerron.

July 15, 2025 at 10:21 AM



“ Mona and Mike Thach purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dr. John Arthur McFerron.



Mona and Mike Thach - July 15, 2025 at 09:26 AM



“ Mona and Mike Thach planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. John Arthur McFerron.

Mona and Mike Thach - July 15, 2025 at 09:26 AM



“ Love Susie, Sally, Mike, and Boys planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. John Arthur McFerron.

Love Susie, Sally, Mike, and Boys - July 15, 2025 at 07:52 AM

LB

“ Love Susie, Sally, Mike, and Boys purchased the *Your Light Shines for the family of Dr. John Arthur McFerron.*



Love Susie, Sally, Mike, and Boys - July 15, 2025 at 07:52 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. John Arthur McFerron.

July 14, 2025 at 06:26 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. John Arthur McFerron.



July 14, 2025 at 06:26 PM

LF

“ Love the Shebang Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. John Arthur McFerron.

Love the Shebang Family - July 14, 2025 at 06:07 PM

LF

“ Love the Shebang Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. John Arthur McFerron.



Love the Shebang Family - July 14, 2025 at 06:07 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. John Arthur McFerron.



July 14, 2025 at 02:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. John Arthur McFerron.

July 14, 2025 at 02:58 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Dr. John Arthur McFerron.



July 14, 2025 at 12:56 PM

VH

“ Vernon Howard planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. John Arthur McFerron.

Vernon Howard - July 14, 2025 at 11:34 AM

VH

“ Vernon Howard purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. John Arthur McFerron.



Vernon Howard - July 14, 2025 at 11:34 AM

DS

“ Dr. Raymond and Barbara Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. John Arthur McFerron.

Dr. Raymond and Barbara Smith - July 14, 2025 at 09:57 AM

DS

“ Dr. Raymond and Barbara Smith purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. John Arthur McFerron.



Dr. Raymond and Barbara Smith - July 14, 2025 at 09:57 AM

RS

“ Dear Julie and family.
I am so saddened to hear about my very good friend , he is like a brother to me!
We have shared many years of memories of which I will never forget!
May the Lord keep him close and provide comfort to you and the kids, including the entire family and friends during this difficult time.

Raymond Smith - July 13, 2025 at 11:01 PM

LF

“ I truly believe God send different people in our lives when we need them the most. This happened for me about 45 years ago when John drove through McDonald's drive thru for his morning coffee. He said he was starting an optometric office in town and was looking for a receptionist.. if I was interested come see him. I went by the office and was given the opportunity to work for him for almost 20 years as his receptionist and later optician. Back then he didn't have assistants but did the exam from start to finish himself.
Without a doubt , he was the best refractionist I have ever known. He could fit a patient in toric contact lenses when no one else could. When he was asked when he was going to retire, his answer was always, I'm not, why retire from something you love. Well John you did just that! You were a doctor that cared about people not just eyes. I could go on and on with so many memories through the years. My heartfelt prayers are lifted up for Julie, Brian, and Ashley and so many who loved him. We have lost a great man, Rest in peace.



Linda Fife - July 13, 2025 at 08:40 PM

CT

“ I had gone to highschool with John, but was a year ahead of him. Later when we moved back to Miami and went to him for eye exam and glasses he was always very kind to us. Our community will sure miss him!!

Carolyn (Foust) and Steve Taylor - July 13, 2025 at 06:25 PM

MP

“ Dear Julie,
I'm sorry to hear of John's sudden passing. My visits with him for eye check ups were always fun and great to catch up with my cousin. It was good to see you both in March this year and have a short visit during lunch at Chuck Barber's service. I have many memories of Mc Ferron cousins times together at the farm. It is such a shock to lose your husband so suddenly. I am praying for you and your family during these difficult days. I want to come for his service but am having mobility issues right now, so may not be able to. I never know how I will be until I wake up. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Love,
Martha Peck

Martha Peck - July 13, 2025 at 05:28 PM

DH

“ Dixie HERNON lit a candle in memory of Dr. John Arthur McFerron



Dixie HERNON - July 13, 2025 at 02:10 PM

PH

“ Peggy H. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dr. John Arthur McFerron.



Peggy H. - July 13, 2025 at 12:35 PM

CM

“ Chad Morgan purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Dr. John Arthur McFerron.



Chad Morgan - July 13, 2025 at 11:16 AM

YF

“ Your Monkey Island Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Dr. John Arthur McFerron.



Your Monkey Island Family - July 13, 2025 at 11:05 AM

YF

“ Your Monkey Island Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. John Arthur McFerron.

Your Monkey Island Family - July 13, 2025 at 11:05 AM

LM

“ Love, Karen and Missy purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Dr. John Arthur McFerron.



Love, Karen and Missy - July 13, 2025 at 10:20 AM

SS

“ I went to Will Rogers Jr High and Miami High with John. Enjoyed being friends with him. He was one of a kind and a great friend.
Steve Sly

Steve Sly - July 13, 2025 at 07:53 AM

JB

“ Oh Julie I am so very sorry. My heart is broken for you and your family. I always loved and thought the world of Doc! Much love and many prayers, Janell

Janell Brixey - July 13, 2025 at 07:48 AM

SE

“ Dear Julie, my heart, prayers and love go out to you at this sad time. May our loving Heavenly Father keep you tight in his arms. He was a great man

Shelley Eaglesham - July 13, 2025 at 12:55 AM

TB

“ He was a good friend, he will be missed dearly.

Tom Brindley - July 12, 2025 at 11:59 PM

MV

“ Prayers for strength and comfort for family

max venard - July 12, 2025 at 11:32 PM

GH

“ This is just heartbreaking. I've been going to him for 43 years. My prayers and condolences sent to the family

Gina Henson - July 12, 2025 at 11:12 PM

TO

“ Tinker Owens lit a candle in memory of Dr. John Arthur McFerron




Tinker Owens - July 12, 2025 at 10:22 PM

CH

“ Carolyn Hodge lit a candle in memory of Dr. John Arthur McFerron



Carolyn Hodge - July 12, 2025 at 09:06 PM

 Sarah Berry

“ Dr. McFerron was the best! I enjoyed speaking with him every time I had a chance. He had some awesome stories and an amazing fashion sense. 🙏 He will be greatly missed.

Sarah Berry - July 12, 2025 at 08:33 PM

ED

“ He was the best eye doctor ever he will be missed by all of a staff in his patience

Edward - July 12, 2025 at 08:20 PM

LH

“ Always enjoyed going to him to get my eye exams. He always took time to visit . Considered him a friend, He will be missed

Linda Hollan - July 12, 2025 at 06:02 PM

LM

Been my eye doctor since I was a little kid and has always been my kids too. Gonna miss him for sure. 💔

Lori Mowrey - July 12, 2025 at 07:52 PM

SW

Julie, So very sorry for the loss of your wonderful husband. Didn't know it until I read it today on my computer. Lots of love and prayers for all of you. Love you all bunches. Tell your Mother hello for me and tell her that we love her bunches also. So very very sorry for your loss. Stay strong. Really miss all of you. Aunt Shirley and Family.

Shirley Weber - July 13, 2025 at 04:04 PM

TH

“ He was the best eye doctor. He saw me as child and also seen my kids. He will be missed by many!

Tammy Hayes - July 12, 2025 at 05:31 PM