



## Jolene Hooper

June 6, 1944 - May 24, 2025

Mrs. Jolene Hooper, Miami resident, passed away in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, after a short stay at The Journey Home. Jolene was born on June 6, 1944, in Miami to Cyrus Jr. and Delora (Ketcher) Washington. She was a member of the First Assembly of God Church. Graduated with the Class of 1962 from Miami High School; she later attended a business school in Houston, TX. She married Robert Leon Hooper on September 6, 1975. She and Robert ran Hooper Auto Sales together for more than 25 years. Jolene always stayed busy. She worked at Glen-Berry's in Commerce, dentist office, First Assembly of God Church, Jeanie's Dress Shop, ran an exercise facility, sold Avon for forty plus years, and leading up to her passing, she worked part-time at the Ottawa County Clerk's Office cleaning and decorating offices all in Miami. She and Robert traveled from Coast to Coast, mostly driving, so they could see what was along the way and visit family. She was a proud member of the Cherokee Nation and the Delaware Tribe; she would often attend the local pow-wows and family reunions. Jolene enjoyed trips to Branson, Eureka and the annual craft fairs in Arkansas and attending Coleman Theater events, especially the Elvis performers. Above all else, she loved her family, always supported her grandsons in their school events, activities and sports, playing board games, going to big family gatherings for holidays, special occasions, reunion picnics at Twin Bridges and taking family and friends to see the spooklight. The big family gatherings at Christmas were her favorite where she would display her beautiful bows she would make and decorate not only

her house but helped others with their holiday festivities. She regularly visited senior living facilities, nursing homes and homebound friends all the way up to her health issues starting in early 2024. Mrs. Hooper was preceded in passing by her husband Robert Leon Hooper, her parents Cyrus and Delora Washington, her siblings; Lowayne Vandeventer, Lois Carr, Doris Kley, and Kenneth Washington.

Those left to share Jolene's memory are her daughter Tracy Smallwood and her husband Steven of Claremore, her brother James Washington and his wife Nancy of Austin, Texas, her grandchildren Cole Priddy and husband Nathan Bazeth of Chicago, Dalton Smallwood and wife Bryce of Wake Forrest, North Carolina and Noah Smallwood of Claremore. She was also blessed with extended family including Joyce Stapleton of Chetopa, Kansas, Jena Davidson and her husband James of Miami, Doug Hooper and his wife Sherry of Sahuarita, Arizona and Dennis Hooper of Joplin, Missouri, Kimberly Moon and her husband Jeff of Mound Valley, Kansas and Christopher Stepleton of Chetopa, Kansas along with her many nieces, nephews and cousins.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Jolene 2:00 PM, Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at First Assembly of God in Miami with Reverend Micah Wells officiating. Arrangements have been placed in the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami.

The family has asked that memorial contributions be made to The Journey Home, 900 NE Washington Blvd, Bartlesville, OK 74006.

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

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

JUN 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Assembly of God-Miami  
1815 E Steve Owens BLVD  
Miami, OK 74354  
<http://www.miamifirstag.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Jolene Hooper*



**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - June 10, 2025 at 10:46 AM

JD

*Jolene became my Stepmother when I was around 15. She and Dad traveled and visited family and they was always involved in their church and singles and had many adventures and fun with the singles. Jolene gave me my first Easter Basket and always remembered my birthday. Fun times at Branson with her and dad. Many games of Farkel and great gifts always of Avon. She always checked on me and I will always be grateful for how she loved and took great care of Dad.*

**Jena Davidson08071957** - June 15, 2025 at 03:43 PM

MS

*Jena, I was looking for an obituary and just now saw that our sweet Jolene went to be with the Lord. If I had known, I sure would've been at her service. I thought she and Leon were the BEST! I'll always remember the love they both showed me in church as a little girl. If they would've wanted me to go home with them, I wouldn't have given it a second thought. Your dad would tease me, and I would fall for it every time. He would give me one of his menthol cough drops and would laugh as he watched my face, saying it was too hot! Jolene would take me from him and hold me like I was hers. I played with her pretty fingernails, and she always tickled my knee. Oh, the wonderful memories just keep flowing. I loved how we finally pieced it together, how you & I knew each other from Spring River Indian Baptist Church. You & Tracie are part of my wonderful memories there, too. I love you, and I'm sorry that Jolene had to leave us behind.*

**Melany Shawnee** - June 17, 2025 at 08:55 PM

HD

“ Heather Davis lit a candle in memory of Jolene Hooper



Heather Davis - June 18, 2025 at 08:41 PM

TF

“ The Johnson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jolene Hooper.

The Johnson Family - June 17, 2025 at 10:16 AM

TF

“ The Johnson Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jolene Hooper.



The Johnson Family - June 17, 2025 at 10:16 AM

JF

“ Jim and Debbie Cooke and family! planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jolene Hooper.

Jim and Debbie Cooke and family! - June 17, 2025 at 09:39 AM

JF

“ Jim and Debbie Cooke and family! purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Jolene Hooper.



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**Jim and Debbie Cooke and family!** - June 17, 2025 at 09:39 AM



“ Heart Throw was purchased for the family of Jolene Hooper.



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June 16, 2025 at 08:32 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jolene Hooper.

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June 16, 2025 at 08:32 AM

SB

“ Sherry Brooks lit a candle in memory of Jolene Hooper



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**sherry brooks** - June 11, 2025 at 09:15 PM



“ 129 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - June 10, 2025 at 10:42 AM



“ I will always love her she was like a grandma to me my whole life I will deeply miss her love you meme such great memories all three the years



**Angel Brooks** - June 09, 2025 at 11:54 AM



“ Esher & Paul Vana purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Jolene Hooper.



**Esher & Paul Vana** - June 09, 2025 at 09:57 AM

RK

“ I will miss my Aunt Jolene, there are so many great memories from my childhood with large family gatherings. We had so much fun picnicing, homemade ice cream and holiday celebrations. I'm sad that in recent years with a busy business schedule, children and grandchildren spread out across the country that I didn't get to see aunt Jo. But I will always have memories dear to my heart. Her passing reminded me how important it is to take the time to keep in contact with my family, and treasure those moments we have together. Love you Aunt Jolene, its not goodbye, it's, I'll see you later. 💖🙏✝️

Rick Kley - June 07, 2025 at 10:57 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Jolene Hooper.



June 05, 2025 at 10:51 PM

JD

“ Jo was always there for me...an awesome aunt. I loved her so much and will greatly miss her. I will never forget her and the times we shared.

Janene Dainty - June 05, 2025 at 04:09 PM

JB

“ Dear sweet Jolene, so sorry to hear of your passing. Was just talking to Janenne about you a few weeks ago, I was telling her how much I loved and cared about you. You may not have been my aunt by blood, but you was family for sure. Tell all our family waiting to greet you into heaven my love always. To Jolenes family, I just loved her to death and so sorry to hear of her passing. Will keep everyone in my prayers..



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**Julie baker** - May 29, 2025 at 08:25 PM

JD

To aunt Jolene (Jodee), I say thank you for years of love. You celebrated with me the good times and helped me through the tough times. I miss you.

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**Janene Dainty** - June 05, 2025 at 12:32 PM

DC

My Aunt Jolene was such a great Aunt! She taught me so many things. She loved the Lord! I will miss her, but glad she is no longer suffering! I know I will see her again. But until then I know she is enjoying seeing all her family in heaven!

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**Debbie Cooke** - June 05, 2025 at 04:12 PM