



## Julianna "Judy" Swadley Davis-McFerron

July 29, 1940 - March 11, 2023

Julianna, "Judy", (Swadley) Davis-McFerron, of Miami, Oklahoma went to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, March 11, 2023, at Freeman Health System in Joplin, Missouri. She was born July 29, 1940 at the Muskogee Baptist Hospital in Muskogee, Oklahoma to Guy Swadley Jr. and Ruby (Palmer) Swadley, of Eufaula, Oklahoma.

Judy, a devout follower of Jesus Christ, was a loving daughter, wife, mother, and grandmother. She became a Christian at Vacation Bible School in 1952 at First Baptist Church, Eufaula, OK and was baptized by Reverend V.O. Baldwin.

She graduated from Eufaula High School in 1958, attended Oklahoma Baptist University and later graduated from Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kansas with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. She married Larry E. Davis, an OBU graduate from Miami, OK on September 17, 1961. They established their home east of Miami on a third-generation family-owned farm, now known as "Twin Rivers Grain and Cattle". They were blessed with two children, Juli Diana Davis and Joseph Alan Davis and was deeply devoted to her beloved family. Larry preceded her in death after 57 years of marriage on February 3, 2019, and her son Joseph Alan Davis preceded her in death on November 22, 2019. Judy was preceded in death by her father, Guy Swadley Jr., on October 18, 1980, and her mother, Ruby

Palmer Swadley on August 10, 2015.

Judy taught elementary school at Wyandotte Public School for 21 years. During her career at Wyandotte she served as President and Treasurer of the Wyandotte Education Association. She was voted Wyandotte Public School "Teacher of the Year" in 1984 by her peers and was elected as "Oklahoma Education Association Zone 16 District Teacher of the Year" by the State Teacher of the Year Screening Committee.

After retiring from Wyandotte Public School in 1998, she served as a teacher and Principal of Green Country Christian School, a new private school, housed at First Baptist Church of Miami, OK. Judy said, "It was indeed a blessing to be hired as the first teacher in the startup of a new school." She served in the school from 2000 to 2003 and said she loved the children she taught and enjoyed all her years in the teaching profession.

She was an active member of the Oklahoma Retired Educators Association and the Ottawa County Retired Educators Association. She was honored for her years of dedication and service to the teaching profession by being selected by the Ottawa County Educators Association as a "Very Important Member" of the OCEA for 2013. She was also an active member of the Miami, Oklahoma Twentieth Century Club.

Judy was a member of the First Baptist Church of Miami from 1961 and faithfully served the Lord there her entire married life, raising her family and serving as a Bible teacher for 50 years, singing in the Worship Choir, working in Vacation Bible School, and serving on numerous committees. Her love for the Lord and her family was most important in her life. Her faith carried her through many of life's difficulties and was the core of her life and motivation. She had a selfless, caring heart to everyone she met and always put the needs of

others above herself. Everything she accomplished was done with kindness and determination. She was a strong support for Twin Rivers Grain and Cattle and a joy to her family, friends, colleagues, and students. Judy will be missed by the many lives she has touched.

Judy married Jerry Lee McFerron on October 24th, 2020. He survives her in their home in Miami, Oklahoma. She is also survived by her daughter Juli Diana Davis of Miami, Oklahoma, grand daughter Sarah Jo Davis of Wyandotte, Oklahoma, grandson Guy Alan Davis of Joplin, Missouri, brother Guy Stephen Swadley and wife Beverly of Noble, Oklahoma, nephew Guy Andrew Swadley and wife Keona of Edmond, Oklahoma, sister-in-law Norma Sue Simpson and her daughters Laura Simpson of Duarte, California, and Sue Simpson of Clovis, California. She is also survived by many dear cousins on both sides of the family. Other survivors include her step sons Jerry Wayne McFerron and wife Carrie of Tyler, Texas, Dale Andrew McFerron and wife Allison of Bella Vista, Arkansas, Monte Scott McFerron and wife Lori of Neosho, Missouri; step grandsons, Samuel McFerron, of Missoula, Montana, Alan McFerron and wife Mia, of Joplin Missouri, Jared McFerron and wife Kelsey and their children Hazel and Sylvie of Dallas, Texas. Step granddaughter, Sidney and husband Spencer Smith and their children Rowan and Denver.

Visitation: Saturday, March 18th, 1:00 PM at First Baptist Church, 24th A street SW Miami, Oklahoma

Memorial Service: Saturday, March 18th, 2:00 PM at First Baptist Church, 24th A street SW Miami, Oklahoma

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Flowers are welcome, or in lieu of flowers contributions may be given to the following organizations:

The Larry Davis Agronomy Scholarship: NEO Foundation, 200 I street NE,

Miami Ok 74354, 918.542.8441 or

Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children: 3800 North May Avenue, Oklahoma  
City, Oklahoma 73112, 405.942.3800

# Cemetery Details

## Glen-Abbey Memorial Garden

58915 East 100 Road  
PO Box 1511  
Miami, OK 74355  
(918) 919-9904

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 18.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church - Miami  
24 A St. SW  
Miami, OK 74354  
<http://www.fbcmiamiok.org>

## Celebration of Life

**MAR 18.** 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church - Miami  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Julianna "Judy" Swadley Davis-McFerron*



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**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - March 16, 2023 at 03:55 PM



“ *I met Judy several year's ago while visiting Miami with her sister-in-law, Norma. We were guests in Judy's lovely home for several nights. It was a privilege to meet and become friends with this lovely Christian lady and her daughter, Juli.*

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**Jacque Tucker** - March 22, 2023 at 01:15 PM



“ *1 file added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - March 17, 2023 at 04:00 PM



“ 114 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - March 16, 2023 at 01:00 PM

KH

“ *Judy is a precious friend, co worker and blessing in my life. I met her while my daughter was in Green Country at First Baptist. I worked with her there and thus began a beautiful friendship. How exciting to know you made it friend! I will see you soon. ❤️*  
-Kerry Dawn Holden



**Kerry Holden** - March 16, 2023 at 08:49 AM

PM

“ *Patsy Mc lit a candle in memory of Julianna "Judy" Swadley Davis-McFerron*



**Patsy Mc** - March 16, 2023 at 08:05 AM

PM

*Judy gave love and showed such kindness to those around her. A beautiful soul. ❤️*

**Patsy Mc** - March 16, 2023 at 08:21 AM

TD

“ *Tracie D. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Julianna "Judy" Swadley Davis-McFerron.*



**Tracie D.** - March 15, 2023 at 10:22 AM

AC

“ *Abbie Cherry lit a candle in memory of Julianna "Judy" Swadley Davis-McFerron*



**Abbie Cherry** - March 15, 2023 at 07:56 AM

HJ

“ *Heritage Tractor Joplin. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Julianna "Judy" Swadley Davis-McFerron.*



**Heritage Tractor Joplin.** - March 14, 2023 at 09:27 PM

AR

“ Judy Davis was one of my teachers in grade school that I loved and respected. Her cheerful smile and kind demeanor had a huge impact on me. I wish I could pay my respects but I won't be in town. My thoughts and prayers goes out to her family and friends and all of her students she touched along the way. Heaven gained an Angel and she will be missed.

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**Amie Reed** - March 13, 2023 at 06:06 PM

PT

Judy was my sweet cousin. We had so many things in common and I would talk to her often on the telephone. I was in her wedding when she married Larry and when I got married I wore her wedding dress. Judy will be missed. I pray for peace for the family.

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**Pat Thomas** - March 15, 2023 at 09:55 PM

CW

“ Judy was a bright light in a dark world. She was kind, encouraging, genuine... she was just a beautiful person! She will be greatly missed.

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**Cindy W** - March 13, 2023 at 04:02 PM

RA

“ Judy was a very special lady (a genuine lady), a friend and neighbor. I baked goodies for her when she was having various groups in her home! She was never seen without her radiant smile. She had a beautiful heart and you could her heart in that smile! Judy will be greatly missed!

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**RoseMary Anderson** - March 13, 2023 at 03:29 PM

NG

“ I was blessed to have Judy as a friend. She was one of the most caring people I have ever known ! Nancy Gee

Nancy Gee - March 13, 2023 at 10:35 AM

AS

“ I will truly miss Judy as she was such a kind & loving person .. she would always order a rose bud vase for members of the Davis Sunday school class when they needed comfort or get well wishes.. I chose the pink candle in memory of her because she really liked Cherry-O roses ..which were a deep pink.. I can see her beautiful smile in heaven with our Lord & Savior💕💕



anita smith - March 12, 2023 at 09:44 PM

JT

“ Jim And Tiny lit a candle in memory of Julianna "Judy" Swadley Davis-McFerron



Jim and Tiny - March 12, 2023 at 04:57 PM