



Zella Jane Osborn

December 9, 1934 - April 25, 2025

Zella Jane (Mabon) Osborn, 90, of Miami, Oklahoma, died on April 25th, 2025. She was born in Miami, Oklahoma on December 9, 1934 to Erben Casil Mabon and Joy Ellen (Taylor) Mabon. Jane spent most of her childhood in Miami, Oklahoma and graduated from Miami High School in 1952. After one year at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College in Miami, Jane attended the University of Tulsa where she was active in the University of Tulsa Radio Choir and earned her degree in Psychology.

After graduation Jane married William E “Willie” Osborn, her high school sweetheart, and they began a life-long partnership committed to their family, faith, profession, and the City of Miami. Jane and Willie lived in Vinita, Oklahoma, where Jane taught school in Big Cabin, and in Joplin, Missouri before moving home to Miami in 1958. Jane and Willie were blessed with five children and Jane spent years managing the family home, caring for and supporting their children. During those years Jane was actively involved in her children’s education participating in Parent Teacher Associations, Booster Clubs and always ensuring the entire family supported their siblings attending sporting events, band concerts, dance recitals and many other activities.

Jane and Willie worked together as owners of Osborn Drugs. They passionately supported their community, independent pharmacy, the Miami Public School System, and Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College as well as youth, education, sports, music, drama, and art programs throughout the community. Jane served as a member and leader of the Miami Public Library

Board, the Friends of the Coleman Theatre Beautiful, the Ottawa County Historical Society, both of Miami's 75th and 100th Anniversary celebrations, and the Community Crisis Center.

Jane was also a lifelong member in the First United Methodist Church of Miami where she sang in the church choir with Willie and served in leadership positions throughout the church. Jane was known to many in the community for her rich soprano voice and heartfelt performances. She regularly performed solos in church and for community celebrations, weddings and funerals. She also loved participating in community choirs particularly many years of singing Handel's Messiah and other classic chorales.

Jane was preceded in death by her husband, William E "Willie" Osborn, and by her parents, brother, Dale Mabon and his wife Norma, sister Fannie Lou (Mabon) Elliot and her husband Earl, nephew Earl Sanders Elliott, and nephew David Taylor Mabon. She is survived by her children Mark Osborn and his wife, Elaine Mader, Clark Osborn and his wife Sara, Bill Osborn and his wife Jane, Matt Osborn and his wife Lauri, all of Miami, Oklahoma and Amy Osborn of Tulsa, Oklahoma. She is also survived by her beloved grandchildren Allison, Kabeth, Katie, Maggie, Kelley, Madeline, Christopher, Paige, Ben, Hannah, Mollie, Jack, and Abby as well as great-grandchildren Kirah, Carter, Kalen, Jacklynn, Elliott, Elena, Clara, and Theodore.

A memorial service celebrating Osborn's life will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Miami, Oklahoma at 2:00 pm on Friday May 2, 2025 officiated by Reverend Robert Rose, immediately followed by interment at the G.A.R. Cemetery in Miami, Oklahoma under the direction of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service. A reception and visitation will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Thursday, May 1st, 2025 at the First United Methodist Church in Miami, Oklahoma. The family suggests donations to the First United Methodist Church in Miami, Oklahoma, the Ottawa County Historical Society, the Friends of the Coleman Theatre or any other charity where it will "do the most good."

Cemetery Details

Grand Army of the Republic

2801 North Main Street
Miami, OK 74354

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Celebration of Life

MAY 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

LL

“ I found this picture in an antique shop in Oklahoma City and it made me smile to think of your mom and grandma... I don't think I ever knew anyone named Zella before, but it was an honor to know her.
Lora Larson, Tulsa



Lora Larson - May 17, 2025 at 09:11 PM

SW

“ So sorry for the loss of your mother,
Your friend sherri mulvehill -willis

Sherri Willis - May 08, 2025 at 02:12 AM

CS

Hoping to reconnect soon my friend. Carla Smith:918-260-1848:purple_heart:

Carla J Smith - May 08, 2025 at 11:31 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Zella Jane Osborn.*



May 05, 2025 at 01:41 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Zella Jane Osborn.



May 02, 2025 at 11:05 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Zella Jane Osborn.



May 01, 2025 at 01:46 PM



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

May 01, 2025 at 01:46 PM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Zella Jane Osborn.



May 01, 2025 at 12:23 PM



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

May 01, 2025 at 12:23 PM

TF

“ *The Hudspeth family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Zella Jane Osborn.*



The Hudspeth family - May 01, 2025 at 11:21 AM

TG

“ *The Ginters planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Zella Jane Osborn.*

The Ginters - May 01, 2025 at 08:20 AM

TG

“ *The Ginters purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Zella Jane Osborn.*



The Ginters - May 01, 2025 at 08:20 AM



“ *A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Zella Jane Osborn.*

May 01, 2025 at 06:00 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Zella Jane Osborn.*



May 01, 2025 at 12:04 AM



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

May 01, 2025 at 12:04 AM



“ *Greg, Sydney, Ashley, Jamie (GAP) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Zella Jane Osborn.*



Greg, Sydney, Ashley, Jamie (GAP) - April 30, 2025 at 11:34 PM



“ *Jennifer E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Zella Jane Osborn.*

Jennifer E. - April 30, 2025 at 09:12 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Zella Jane Osborn.



April 30, 2025 at 06:44 PM



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

April 30, 2025 at 06:44 PM



“ I’m saddened by the news that Mrs. Osborn has passed but impressed by her wonderful life and family; my life has intersected with her sons Mark and Clark and her daughter Amy over the years and it was my pleasure to be acquainted with her as well in the past. Sending love and prayers to all of you in this difficult time, and I am sure her love and words of wisdom will live on in all your hearts in the future.

Lora Larson - April 30, 2025 at 06:41 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Zella Jane Osborn.



April 30, 2025 at 03:16 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Zella Jane Osborn.*



April 30, 2025 at 03:04 PM



“ *Steve & Kristi Bashore purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Zella Jane Osborn.*



Steve & Kristi Bashore - April 30, 2025 at 02:21 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Zella Jane Osborn.*



April 30, 2025 at 01:45 PM



“ *Jane was always like a big sister to me, very much admired and looked up to. She showed me lots of beautiful opportunities that life has to offer.*

Janet Newburgh - April 30, 2025 at 12:45 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Zella Jane Osborn.*



April 29, 2025 at 11:51 PM



“ *Terri Hall-Klouda Bernie’s Pharmacy, Inc. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Zella Jane Osborn.*



Terri Hall-Klouda Bernie’s Pharmacy, Inc. - April 29, 2025 at 09:52 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Zella Jane Osborn.*



April 29, 2025 at 04:53 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Zella Jane Osborn.*

April 29, 2025 at 04:53 PM



“ *My sympathy to all of the family. She was a wonderful lady.*

Judy Mader - April 29, 2025 at 04:39 PM

LP

“ Lindburg Pharmacy purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Zella Jane Osborn.



Lindburg Pharmacy - April 29, 2025 at 03:13 PM

AV

“ Aaron and Chasity St. Vrain purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Zella Jane Osborn.



Aaron and Chasity St. Vrain - April 29, 2025 at 12:30 PM

CM

“ To Mark, Clark, Bill, Matt & Amy my deepest condolences on such a great loss. I know how much the heart hurts. She was granted such a blessing to not have suffered. She will live on through all of you. I can see Willie and her dancing now. Love your cousin, Cindy Mott

Cindy Mott - April 29, 2025 at 10:30 AM

JR

“ Jeremy & Kristen Riddle purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Zella Jane Osborn.



Jeremy & Kristen Riddle - April 29, 2025 at 10:06 AM

JW

“ Justin Heather Meg and Ginger Wilson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Zella Jane Osborn.



Justin Heather Meg and Ginger Wilson - April 29, 2025 at 09:46 AM

BP

“ Bettye Paynter purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Zella Jane Osborn.



Bettye Paynter - April 28, 2025 at 10:50 PM

CB

“ Chukles, aka Twig, Stump, Becky Bertoncino purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Zella Jane Osborn.



Chukles, aka Twig, Stump, Becky Bertoncino - April 28, 2025 at 10:09 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Zella Jane Osborn.



April 28, 2025 at 09:44 PM



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

April 28, 2025 at 09:44 PM



Kimberly Baldwin Goerner

“ Mark, Clark, Bill, Matt and Amy.... You were truly blessed with an amazing mother and our prayer for you all is that you feel the Lord's arms wrapped around this family during this time of mourning such a great loss. Your parents raised you well and your families are a testimony to that unconditional love. Our prayers are with you all. Donald, Kimberly, Grayson and Riley

Kimberly Baldwin Goerner - April 28, 2025 at 09:12 PM



“ Carsey Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Zella Jane Osborn.

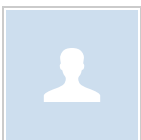


Carsey Family - April 28, 2025 at 07:56 PM



“ I loved working for Mrs. Jane; she was such an inspiration. I'll always be grateful for our chats, and I'll miss our time together.

Nadine Morris - April 28, 2025 at 05:20 PM



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

April 28, 2025 at 04:46 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Zella Jane Osborn.



April 28, 2025 at 04:46 PM



“ OPhA purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Zella Jane Osborn.



OPhA - April 28, 2025 at 03:51 PM



“ Much love from Darci, Mary, and Courtney planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Zella Jane Osborn.

Much love from Darci, Mary, and Courtney - April 28, 2025 at 03:28 PM



“ Much love from Darci, Mary, and Courtney purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Zella Jane Osborn.



Much love from Darci, Mary, and Courtney - April 28, 2025 at 03:28 PM

JG

“ Jay and Ashton Gilmore purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Zella Jane Osborn.



Jay and Ashton Gilmore - April 28, 2025 at 01:37 PM



“ Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Zella Jane Osborn.



April 28, 2025 at 01:12 PM

MK

“ Jane was an amazing woman who, along with her husband Willie left a wonderful legacy. They are my cousins on my Dad's side. I wish I could have spent more time with them. They will never be forgotten. Prayers to all.



Mary Kyle Keithley - April 28, 2025 at 12:41 PM

DD

“ Words cannot describe this loving, Christian, wife, Mother, Grandmother, community leader. Her influence will be missed but live on. To the family: May God wrap His loving arms around you and give you peace. May your precious memories give you comfort. God bless you and keep you in His care until you see her again in that home that Christ has prepared!

David Dallas - April 28, 2025 at 12:06 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Zella Jane Osborn.*



April 28, 2025 at 10:21 AM



“ *Dusty/Misha, Andy/Kelly, Richard/Paige planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Zella Jane Osborn.*

Dusty/Misha, Andy/Kelly, Richard/Paige - April 27, 2025 at 09:26 PM



“ *Dusty/Misha, Andy/Kelly, Richard/Paige purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Zella Jane Osborn.*



Dusty/Misha, Andy/Kelly, Richard/Paige - April 27, 2025 at 09:26 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. What an amazing woman who left such a special legacy for her family and community! She was such a special woman who could make anyone around her feel special and welcome. Prayers for the whole family and may all those precious memories that were made with her provide you comfort! Misha*

Misha Goldsmith - April 27, 2025 at 09:14 PM



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

April 27, 2025 at 07:17 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Zella Jane Osborn.



April 27, 2025 at 07:17 PM



“ Such a sweet and inviting lady. Always smiling and genuinely happy to greet me. I didn't spend much time with her but I felt like I would have been welcomed no matter what! She and Willie raised the most gracious and beautiful family. My prayers are for them to take comfort in all of the wonderful memories. What a wonderful homecoming she will have with Jesus! And I'm sure her sweet smile was welcomed by her husband!!❤️

Laura Hardin - April 27, 2025 at 12:10 PM



“ From Barb and Greg Utesch planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Zella Jane Osborn.

From Barb and Greg Utesch - April 27, 2025 at 11:21 AM

FU

“ From Barb and Greg Utesch purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Zella Jane Osborn.



From Barb and Greg Utesch - April 27, 2025 at 11:21 AM

CD

“ I always loved how she would blow up the pool and enjoy the fun with you boys! We had just moved from Norman .Of course that was a really long time ago . She was such a fun sweet lady ! We got to be your neighbor twice! She was a wonderful mother and wife to Willie. Miss the hi neighbor from them both!Great memories. Sorry for you loss of your mom, and grandmother.
Connie Deems

Connie Anderson Deems - April 27, 2025 at 10:59 AM

LS

“ Dearest Osborn family, heaven has gained a magnificent angel. I used to marvel at how she could take care of you kids, and do it with perfection; then, she would so flawlessly, support the rest of us with her kindness, wit, and genuine selflessness. Sending so much love to one of my favorite families, ever. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers. Linda Stump

Linda Stump - April 27, 2025 at 10:11 AM

PG

“ *What a wonderful, Godly woman. She loved and was loved by so many. She will be great missed by family, friends, in the community, and by anyone who had the privilege to be in her company. We pray for peace in the hearts of those who mourn her.*



Paige and Richard Godfrey - April 27, 2025 at 09:58 AM

CS

“ *The few opportunities I had to visit with Jane the discussion was always about her family. Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were first in her heart. So sorry for your loss but what a legacy this dear lady leaves behind. Prayers for all of you.*

Connie Steinlage - April 26, 2025 at 04:36 PM

CO

“ *My most favorite memory of this great lady, is when Mrs. Osborn sang Oh Holy Night at our church. I literally cried at the beauty and artistry of her rendition, Those of us in high school who knew and loved operatic music considered Jane's voice as being on the same vocal level as Maria Callas and Beverly Sills. Heaven has gained not only a sweet generous woman, but also a great voice to God's choir.*

Cynthia Tan Owen - April 26, 2025 at 03:40 PM

CH

“ *Carolyn Hodge lit a candle in memory of Zella Jane Osborn*



Carolyn Hodge - April 26, 2025 at 02:47 PM

CM

“ My sweet Jane. Oh hiw we all will miss you! No words can ever describe how blessed this whole community is to have known you. As a care taker I was to take care of you but you were the one who often took care of me. Your words of encouragement and even in your loving way would remind me of who God wanted me to be to others even in the hard times. Your love for your family and everyone you met shined so bright and will never be forgotten. Your passion for others was truly refreshing to see at work. You lived to give and loved so deeply. To know you was to love you. You have not only raised a beautifying family but you helped us all raise this community up soo many times. Your honored your late husband and kept his memory alive and now my sweet friend may we all so badly do the same for you. Today I know you are hearing our father say Good work my good and faithful servant. Welcome home. What a beautiful woman of God and such a loving face I'll miss. Till we meet again my friend.

Christian Myers - April 26, 2025 at 12:13 PM

RT

Love you Jane. I loved learning about the history of Miami through you, and I enjoyed our rides about town, & especially watching people pulling up paddlefish fish up from the river while munching on our sandwiches in the Spring. Thanks for sharing your wisdom & your life with me. I will miss you, but know we'll see each other again! 🗄️ 🍷 🌹

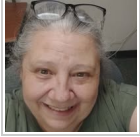
Rose Turylo - April 26, 2025 at 12:55 PM

KS

Prayers of peace and comfort, I can still hear you laugh and see your beautiful smile.

I am blessed to have known you.
Kerri Still and Jerry Cole

Kerri Still - April 29, 2025 at 10:16 PM



“ *She will be missed, she was one my girl scout leaders in grade school, My condolences to Amy and the family, always enjoyed being at their house for girl scout meetings growing up.*

Gail Wiford - April 26, 2025 at 11:45 AM