



Jewel Eileen Conner

July 21, 1955 - August 1, 2022

Memorial service for Jewel Conner will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday August 6, 2022, at the Alva High School Auditorium. The Rev. Judy Pistole will officiate. A private burial will be held in Enid, Oklahoma. Friday August 5, 2022 there will be a public viewing. Arrangements are made by Wharton Funeral Chapel, Alva.

Jewel Eileen Conner, daughter of Caryl Voight and Mildred (MacKay) Pickett. Jewel Conner was born at Wesley Hospital in Wichita, Kansas and raised in on a dairy farm outside of Rose Hill, Kansas. She passed away in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on August 1, 2022, at the age of 67.

Jewel attended the 12 grades at Rose Hill Schools and graduated with the class of 1973. She received her B. A. Degree in Music Education from Northwestern Oklahoma State University and graduated in the class of 1977. On June 11, 1977, Jewel married Michael Lyn Conner in Rose Hill, Kansas. To their marriage three sons, Byron Dwain, Enid, Curtis Edward, Helena, and Steven Charles, Noble were born. Following their marriage, they moved to Hope, Kansas where Mike taught Band while She was busy attending to Byron. Mike's next teaching assignment was Wakita, Oklahoma. When they moved to Cherokee, Jewel began her teaching career as the Vocal Music Teacher and Assistant Band Director. They continued to work together in Kingfisher and Newkirk before coming to Alva in 1999 where she returned to Cherokee as the Music Director before joining Mike as the Assistant Band Director in Alva, Oklahoma. She finished her teaching career at Laverne,

Oklahoma. In her retirement she accompanied the Alva Middle School, High School Choirs, and Show Choir, Electric Gold. If Jewel was not found at a keyboard, she was spending time with her three sons, reading a romance novel on her patio, Christmas crafting, or kicking up water at the edge of a beach.

Jewel was preceded in death by her husband, Mike Conner, her parents, Caryl Voight and Mildred (MacKay) Pickett, and siblings, Verla Irene and Harold Perry, Nelda Mae and Floyd Coleman, Leatha and Robert, "Bob" Gammon, and Laris Melvin Pickett, and Earl Herron. Jewel is survived by her three sons, Byron Dwain Conner, Curtis Edward and Michele Lyn Conner, and Steven Charles Conner and Francesca Ninon Murch, her siblings, Mary Lou (Laris) Pickett, Lester Caryl Pickett, Ruth Darlene Herron, Warren Earl and Jill Pickett, Walter Justin and Fatima Pickett, Clark Wayne and Kathy Pickett, and Velma Pickett, several nieces and nephews, and other relatives and friends. In lieu of flowers, th contributions can be made to Alva High School and Jr High School Choirs.

Cemetery Details

Enid Cemetery

212 W Willow Road
Enid, OK 73701

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 4. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wharton Funeral Chapel, LLC.
1302 W. Oklahoma Boulevard
Alva, OK 73717

Visitation

AUG 5. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Family Visitation

AUG 5. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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Memorial Service

AUG 6. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Alva High School Auditorium
501 14th Street
Alva, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Wharton Funeral Chapel created a Jewel Memorial Services in memory of Jewel Eileen Conner*



Wharton Funeral Chapel - August 06, 2022 at 01:13 PM



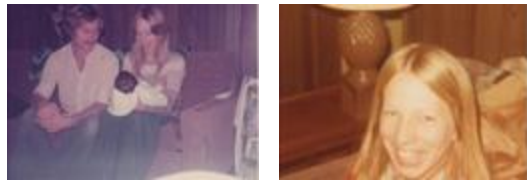
“ *Wharton Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Jewel Eileen Conner*



Wharton Funeral Chapel - August 05, 2022 at 06:39 PM

DK

“ We were so sad to learn of Jewel's passing on Facebook. We were good friends of Mike and Jewel in Hope, KS. We both started teaching at Hope the same year--Mike the instrumental music while I had the vocal music. We both were the new music teachers in town, and both with wives who were pregnant, so people would ask, "Which one are you? Band or choir?" Not only did Jewel look after Byron during those Hope years, but she also accompanied the choir for me, for which I was very grateful! Yes, she was an excellent musician, and an even greater person! We would often pool our food together for meals at the end of the month when things got slim the week before payday. We were so glad to reconnect with Jewel on Facebook a couple of years ago. Our sympathy to and prayers for the boys. Dave & Lynn Killingsworth



David Killingsworth - August 19, 2022 at 04:49 PM

KF

“ Katie Perks And Family lit a candle in memory of Jewel Eileen Conner



Katie Perks and Family - August 08, 2022 at 10:47 AM

JW

“ I was saddened to hear of Jewel's passing. I went to story hour and 1st through 12th grade with her. We rode the same bus as we only lived a mile and 1/2 from each other. I remember Jewel trying to teach me all the names of her siblings. Never could get them all straight. Those Picket kids would get off the bus at the corner of the road they lived on and Rose Hill road and walk home as it was only a 1/2 mile and they would get home a lot quicker than riding the whole bus route. I can still see Jewel playing the piano for the Hazz band, choir, Rocketaires in high school. She was so talented. May you all find comfort in your memories. Judy Mahlandt Wealand

Judy Mahlandt Wealand - August 07, 2022 at 01:50 AM

DL

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Jewel in the "early days", the 50s and 60s when we were growing up. My mother, Verla, is Jewel's sister, the first born of 11 children in the Pickett family. Because I was the first grandchild of Caryl & Mildred, and Jewel was their #10 child, she, my aunt, was younger than me. Every summer our Perry family would drive from Friendswood, TX to the Pickett farm close to Rose Hill, KS to visit for a week. I have so many good and fun, fun memories of Jewel. I remember she showed me how to feed the "calfies" with big bottles of milk. I remember that she could play the piano well at a young age. One year we visited during the wheat harvest and I rode in the passenger seat of the truck she drove to pick up wheat from the working combines to deliver to the grain elevator. I was so impressed and am pretty sure she wasn't old enough to have a driver's license. Jewel was a hard and dependable worker at a very young age. And just a few years ago, Jewel and Velma, #10 & #11, made the long trip to Friendswood to visit #1 & #2, my mother, then in assisted living, and Nelda, who lived close by in Dickenson with her son, Wes. Verla and Nelda, who are now passed, and my sister, Lou Ann, and I, enjoyed and appreciated that visit so very much! I love you, Jewel, and I'll greatly miss you! May God bless you richly in heaven!

Donna Perry Lofton - August 07, 2022 at 01:11 AM

BL

“ Jewel was a lovely lady that cared deeply for her friends and family, especially her sons. She always had a smile and was a generous, kind soul. I will never forget our time in Buffalo, eating dinners and enjoying the company of Jewel, Aunt Velma, Byron, Curt, Nicole, and Brice. We had a lot of good "family" time and I miss those days. Prayers and love to the Conner family. We love you.

Blake and Crystal Lamle - August 05, 2022 at 11:26 PM

CL

“ Dear Byron, Curtis and Stephen,
Your Mom was a neat individual. Of course, I knew both your parents, since I was your teacher, Byron and Curtis, in first or second grade at Cherokee. They were hard workers. When you moved to Alva, your Mom carpooled with us back and forth to Cherokee. I loved visiting with her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. She will be truly missed. God Bless.
Mrs. Lau

Cherie Lau - August 05, 2022 at 07:11 PM

AD

“ Anita Smith Davis lit a candle in memory of
Jewel Eileen Conner



Anita Smith Davis - August 05, 2022 at 07:08 PM



“ 66 files added to the album Jewel Memories Album



Wharton Funeral Chapel - August 05, 2022 at 06:45 PM

IE

“*Jewel and her family were like sisters (and nephews) to me. I first met Jewel in the late 1970s, before Mike and she were married. The family's had a hole in it ever since Mike's passing. Now the hole's closing, as Mike and Jewel are finally together as they should be. Praying for treasured memories for the surviving family, especially Byron, Curtis and Steven and their families.*”

Ida Evans - August 04, 2022 at 08:50 PM

LC

“*Lydia R Campbell lit a candle in memory of Jewel Eileen Conner*”



Lydia R Campbell - August 04, 2022 at 05:16 PM

LC

Jewel was such a special blessing to our church. She played the organ, planned our music for worship and gave her all to us. We were so fortunate to have her in our lives. She will be so missed in our worship services and just getting to see her in and around Alva. Rest in peace, dear friend. I know you are resting in the arms of sweet Jesus free from pain and I find comfort in knowing that He is taking care of you.

Lydia R Campbell - August 04, 2022 at 05:20 PM

RS

“*Jewel was an amazing neighbor and friend. I cannot count the times she offered, shared or just did. How many times I would get a text that she had left gifts for my granddaughters. I will miss seeing her out tending to her beautiful flower beds, chatting with her at the fence, decorating for holidays. Truly just a special, special person. I know how much she loved her family and I can only imagine how you will all miss her. Our thought and prayers are with you and for you.*”

Robin Springer - August 04, 2022 at 02:07 PM

DP

“*Daniel and Cathy, JR. Pickett purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jewel Eileen Conner.*”



Daniel and Cathy, JR. Pickett - August 04, 2022 at 11:35 AM

FF

“*From Cindy Pfeifer-Hill & Friends of FPC purchased the Gable Gift Box for the family of Jewel Eileen Conner.*”



From Cindy Pfeifer-Hill & Friends of FPC - August 03, 2022 at 11:03 PM

CP

“*Jewel was one of the happiest, joyful souls I knew! She always had a warm smile and funny story to share. She never knew a stranger! I know her band kids loved her as well as so many others! And I loved her kids too! I had one of her sons, Curtis, in many of my classes at NWOSU! He shared Jewels patience and graciousness and so smart too! Even as she struggled with her own health near the end, she always sent uplifting cards and funny jokes online. You just couldn't keep Jewels spirit from shining! Bless you for touching all of our lives Jewel! And prayers for comfort and strength for her beloved family. Treasure all of the good times together! Love, Cindy Pfeifer-Hill*

Cindy Pfeifer-Hill - August 03, 2022 at 10:34 PM

KA

“*Katlyn lit a candle in memory of Jewel Eileen Conner*



Katlyn - August 03, 2022 at 07:21 PM



“*Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jewel Eileen Conner.*



August 03, 2022 at 03:59 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jewel Eileen Conner.*



August 03, 2022 at 02:03 PM



“ *I am going to miss our Monday nights and chatting until late. You were the kindest, sweetest friend. Truly a Jewel!!!!!!*

Karleen White - August 03, 2022 at 12:25 PM



“ *Jewel light up the room with her presence and smile. Loved by many, Jewel you made the world a better place....blessing to her family , she loved them very much....missed by many....*



Jane Gaskill - August 03, 2022 at 08:45 AM



“ *Our world is a much better place because Jewel Conner lived in it. Jewel represents everything good in this world (kindness gentleness, love, joy, courage, perseverance, peacefulness, strength). Her love excluded no one ever. I'm so thankful to have had her as a friend.*

Betty Felts - August 02, 2022 at 11:27 PM