



Merlene Elliott

May 9, 1941 - December 11, 2007

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Twyla Merlene, daughter of Judith (Benson) and Orval Hofen, was born on May 9th, 1941 at Anthony, Kansas. She passed away at her home on the 11th day of December at the age of 66 years, 6 months and 2 days.

She attended grade schools in Kansas, where her father pastored, and graduated from Scott City, Kansas High School as Salutatorian of her class in 1959. She attended Bartlesville Wesleyan College majoring in music.

Miss Hofen met Clint A. Elliott Jr. in college and they were married on September 1, 1962, at Blackwell, Oklahoma, in a double ceremony along with sister Nadeen and Dan Hyde. To their marriage two children, Christopher Shannon (Chris) and Elizabeth Ruth (Beth) were born.

Following their marriage they pastored churches in Oklahoma and Missouri before making their home in Alva.

She worked for Downer and McDaniel Law Firm, Central National Bank and the Alva Chamber of Commerce. She was part of the original staff and was currently employed at the Charles E. (Bill) Johnson Correctional Center where she was the Trust Fund Officer.

Merlene attended the Town and Country Christian Church where she served as the church organist.

Mrs. Elliott was preceded in death by her father, Orval, on September 11, 1965, her mother, Judith on August 31, 2001, her sister Nadeen Hyde, on February 6, 1976 and her sister-in-law Maxine McNeal on August 12, 2005.

Merlene is survived by her husband, Clint, a son and his wife, Chris and Laurel of Kansas, Oklahoma; a daughter Beth, of Edmond; three grandsons, Geoffrey David, Zachary Christopher and Gregory Cole Elliott, a granddaughter, Emily Kay Elliott and a step-grandson, Alexander Kevin Lewis.

She is also survived by a brother and his wife, Elwyn and Evelyn Hofen; brother-in-laws, Dan Hyde and Gerard McNeal; nieces: Karen Elizabeth White and husband Gary, Judy Alane Naslund, Donna Sue Walker and her husband William and Stephanie Ann McBride and her husband John, all of Pineville, Louisiana; Stacey Ann Hayes, and her husband Richard Shane of Monroe, Louisiana; Danelle Pate and husband Joe of Franklin, Tennessee, Susan VanHook and husband Brent of North Augusta, South Carolina; nephews: Brian Hofen and wife Marissa, of Alva, Brent Hofen and wife Heather of Bend, Oregon, Brad Hofen of India, Nathan Hyde and wife Susan of Antioch, Tennessee, and a number of great nieces and great nephews, other relatives and friends.

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Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

Town & Country Christian Church
829 Church Street
Alva, Ok

Tribute Wall

NH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go with you and your family through the Christmas season and into the New Year.*

Nathan Hyde - December 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Merelene held a special place in the life of our family. She and her sister, Elmeretta Nadeen were very close. Each shared their ministries along side of their husbands while pastoring churches and were a great asset to those ministries. Only heaven will reveal the impact on souls for the kingdom of God as they held Christ up high along with their husbands.*

Through the years, there was always warm hospitality when everyone was together to share fellowship, friendship around the family table.

Only the Lord knows all the lives that were touched and helped by Merelene throughout her life with music, kindness, and the gift of helps that were God given.

She has left a legacy of blessing for her family and friends.

Daniel M. Hyde - December 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *I want to extend my deepest heartfelt condolences to the Elliott family. I worked with Merlene at the BJCC and knew her as a fine employee, loving wife and mother. She was a pleasure to work with and she will be missed. May God bless her family and give them the strength to live through this difficult time.*

Jerald R Gilbert - December 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

UJ

“ *The video of Aunt Merlene was absolutely beautiful! I remember your visits with us and ours with your family. The were always good memories. Aunt Merlene was a very kind and gentle person. She always took the time to speak to each of us in a very kind and gentle manner. I know that the loss hurts you and your family but her pain has ended and with that I am sure that you have some relief. I wish you all the very best. I will always remember her and keep her in my heart. Now, momma has a new pal to visit and catch up on old times. I sure that they are enjoying themselves!*
Love to all,
Stephanie McBride

Uncle Jr. - January 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *Merlene was a beautiful person and I am sorry for your loss. The video was nicely done and illustrated her gentleness, beauty, and family devotion. Thank you for sharing her with us.*
Love, Karen

Karen White - January 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *I remember visiting on summer vacations. We always had good times and Aunt Merlene was always gentle and loving. I will cherish those memories. With most sincere Love and Sympathy.*

Stacey Hayes - January 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Uncle Jr.*

Again I send my deepest sympathy to you and your family. I viewed the video. It was beautiful.

*Love,
Donna*

Donna Walker - January 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM