



## Elizabeth Sturm

June 29, 1923 - May 15, 2024

Elizabeth Weigl Sturm was born June 29, 1923, in House, New Mexico, the daughter of Michael

Weigl and Nellie Muller Weigl. Elizabeth died Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at her home in

Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. She was 100 years, 10 months, and 15 days old, and lived every

year, month and day of that time to its fullest.

Elizabeth was born and raised on a farm and ranch near House, New Mexico, together with her

three brothers and four sisters. Shortly after her graduation from House High School in 1941,

she left home to take a job in a bakery in nearby Clovis, New Mexico. There she met her future

husband, Army Staff Sergeant Lee Sturm. Lee visited the bakery to discuss the unique

requirements for baking bread in the desert climate of Clovis. Lee and Elizabeth were married in

Clovis on July 7, 1943. Two children were born of this marriage, daughter, Nancy and son,

Raymond.

In the late 1940's, the family moved to Tulsa. In 1950, they moved to Broken Arrow where they

purchased the local bakery and reopened it as Broken Arrow Pastry Shop on Main

Street. Together with Lee's brother, Jess Sturm, and his wife, Wanda, the four of them operated

the bakery as a partnership from 1950 until their retirement in 1979.

Elizabeth enjoyed gardening, crocheting, knitting, bowling, and traveling to visit family and

friends. She was active in the American Legion Auxiliary and in her church, First Church of the

Nazarene, now Connect Church. She loved baking pastries and other “goodies” for her Sunday

School class and her Small Group.

Elizabeth is survived by:

Daughter: Nancy Gail (Blackie) Gibson, of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

Son: Raymond Lee (Bobbie) Sturm, of Austin, Texas

Grandchildren: Kim (Mark) Janes, Doug (Carma) Gibson, Robin (Mike) Hogan, Julie

(Brandon Eastes) Sturm, Jillian (Seraphin) Faton and David (Caroline) Sturm

Great Grandchildren: Claire Janes (James) Clynes, Thomas Janes, Ryan Gibson, Jake Gibson,

Walter Hogan, Louise Hogan, Penelope Sturm, Dori Faton, Theodore Sturm, Elia Faton, Lyndon

Eastes, plus one on the way!

Brother: Robert Weigl, of Kenna, New Mexico

And many nieces and nephews!

She was preceded in death by:

Parents: Michael and Nellie Weigl

Husband: Lee Morrell Sturm

Siblings: George Weigl, Gertrude Davis, Marie Cline, Magdalena Goldie, Katherine Sturm,

and Michael Weigl, Jr.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Tree of Life USA's Infant Formula Program at [www.treeoflifeusa.org](http://www.treeoflifeusa.org) or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org) in Elizabeth's honor.

# Cemetery Details

## Floral Haven Memorial Gardens

6500 S. 129th E. Ave.  
Tulsa, OK 74012  
(918) 252-2518

# Previous Events

## Viewing

**MAY 27.** 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home  
1660 South Elm Place  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
(918) 258-9623  
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Visitation

**MAY 27.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home  
1660 South Elm Place  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
(918) 258-9623  
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

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MAY 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

Connect Church  
401 West New Orleans Street  
Broken Arrow, OK 74011  
[info@connectchurchba.com](mailto:info@connectchurchba.com)  
<http://connectchurchba.com>

# Tribute Wall

DE

“ I remember Elizabeth ... she was always so sweet and always smiling! Remembering her talents in cake decorating...



Debbie - May 31, 2024 at 09:38 AM

AF

“ Ann Morris, Jane Chitwood & Family & Rice Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Elizabeth Sturm.



Ann Morris, Jane Chitwood & Family & Rice Family - May 27, 2024 at 12:28 PM

ZS

“ Zane and Sherri Sturm purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Elizabeth Sturm.



Zane and Sherri Sturm - May 26, 2024 at 06:22 PM

ZS

“ Zane and Sherri Sturm planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth Sturm.

Zane and Sherri Sturm - May 26, 2024 at 06:22 PM

WF

“ Wilbur Maxwell Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Elizabeth Sturm.



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Wilbur Maxwell Family - May 26, 2024 at 07:15 AM

WF

“ Wilbur Maxwell Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth Sturm.

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Wilbur Maxwell Family - May 26, 2024 at 07:15 AM

GB

“ Liz was an amazing woman--living to be 100+ is amazing enough, but this woman was amazing because of who she was! She had a wonderful talent for cooking and baking delicious desserts. I know!! She reminded me of my own Mother, who lived to be 95. Mom was full of otherness--always thinking of others! Liz was very much like that--a true servant--as if she were serving unto God! I know she will be missed greatly here on this earth, however, I also know that many were waiting on her at the gates of Heaven when she made her entrance. What a day that will be when we all see each other again in Heaven. Bye for now Liz. We loved you much! Glo & "Baldy" Boyd

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Glo Mabry Boyd - May 22, 2024 at 11:13 PM

RM

“ *My incredible aunt Liz (my second mom). Not everyone gets to be raised in a bakery by 2 incredible women. She was such a joy to be around, always had a smile on her face. I remember how good a cook she was and the beautiful cakes she made. She was always outside working on a garden. Family was so important to her and she welcomed everyone who entered her home. I'm so grateful and blessed to have been raised in such a strong family and the love that was always shown. I will miss her so much but I know she will be waiting on us along with my mom, dad, and uncle mosie.. and so many others. So until later my sweet aunt. I love you*

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**Reeda Markwood** - May 22, 2024 at 02:29 PM

LS

“ Oh, our precious Aunt Poolie... Every time there was a family reunion at Grandma's farm in House, NM, you and Uncle Lee would close the bakery for a full day and bake every kind of pastry and confectioner's delight on the planet. Then you loaded the back of your pick-up truck and drove to the farm. Every one of your nieces and nephews were waiting impatiently while the truck was unloaded... I don't ever remember seeing so many trays of cinnamon rolls in my life! To top this off, you unloaded a stand mixer and all kinds of pans and tools. We were in awe! I will always remember that day in Gandma's kitchen that you were making a Rum Cake, and you let me stay and watch. It was like nothing to you, but to us it was nothing short of amazing. Four cups of Flour, two cups of sugar, a teaspoon of baking soda and one more ingredient that I can't rightly remember was your 'cake base'. Then adding the love and finishing touches, you let me lick the mixing bowl! Man, was that cake batter the best thing since sliced bread. The cake was amazing.

*I watched as you, mom (Maggie) and Aunt Christine cleared the dining room table and rolled out dough for cinnamon rolls! I watched that one intently, and every one was the PERFECT size. I think we all left for home after the reunion with an ample supply of Aunt Poolie's Love and a LOT of pastries!*

*God bless you forever for showing us what love and purity meant!  
With eternal love,  
Your nephew, Leonard Slape*

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**Leonard Slape** - May 21, 2024 at 03:33 PM

GN

“ *Georgetown Church of the Nazarene purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Elizabeth Sturm.*



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**Georgetown Church of the Nazarene** - May 21, 2024 at 10:55 AM

TB

“ *Liz was one of the most incredible people I've ever known. Her granddaughter, Kim, was my best friend in high school and she immediately treated me as if I were her granddaughter. I'll never forget one night when I was crying over some teenage problem and she just held me. I can still feel it. Years later, she made me the most beautiful wedding cake I had ever seen. I won't even talk about how good her mashed potatoes were! Liz was as close to a saint as anyone I've ever known.*

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**Teresa Bond-Mason** - May 20, 2024 at 11:45 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Sturm.*



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May 20, 2024 at 03:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Sturm.*



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May 20, 2024 at 12:48 PM



“ *Your Shamrock Tire Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth Sturm.*

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**Your Shamrock Tire Family** - May 20, 2024 at 12:48 PM



“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Sturm family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of "Liz".*



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**Hayhurst Funeral Home** - May 16, 2024 at 03:52 PM