



Mary "Jean" Croke

March 26, 1928 - August 3, 2021

Mary Jean Croke was born on Monday, March 26, 1928, in Kansas City, Missouri and adopted as an infant by Oliver and Pansy (Presley) Funk. She passed from this life to the next on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma at the age of 93.

“Jean” as she became know to all who knew her grew up in California and Arkansas. She attended school and graduated from high school in Bentonville, Arkansas in 1945. Jean met a boy who stole her heart by the name of Earl Leeroy Croke and the two were married on February 25, 1946, after he returned from serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II. They became the parents of two sons. She enjoyed time with Earl at the racetrack and they were married for 25 years until Earl’s early passing in 1971 at the age of 45.

She raised her boys as a single mother, never remarrying. Jean was a wonderful mother and provided for them doing office work and eventually going to school to become a beautician. She was a devout Mormon and was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints here in Broken Arrow, where she was involved in mission work with her church.

Jean was a fun grandmother and enjoyed spending time with her 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren whenever she could. You could often

find her playing card games like Skipbo with friends from the apartment complex where she lived. She also enjoyed bowling as a hobby. She missed the Arizona weather and always longed to return there someday. Jean was a generous giver of anything she had. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Left to treasure her memory are sons James "Rusty" Croke (Lynn) of Inola and Erick Croke (Jeanne) of Broken Arrow
one Stepbrother Herman Smith (Liz) of Hiwasse, Arkansas
5 Grandchildren: James Rusty, II (Angela); Addie Schemel (Tony); Jessup Reid Croke; Dustin Martin (Holly); and Megan Sutter (Kelly).
6 Great Grandchildren: Koltyn Morel; Bryce Croke; Trention Croke; Jaxen Croke; Gabby Sutter, and Kellen Martin

She was preceded in death by her parents, Oliver and Pansy Funk and her husband, Earl Leeroy Croke.

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG 6. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

AUG 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

AUG 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
1701 N. Hickory Avenue
Broken Arrow, OK 74012

Graveside Committal

AUG 11. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Fayetteville National Cemetery
700 S. Government Avenue
Fayetteville, AR 72701

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary "Jean" Croke*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *To the family of Jean.*

I just happened to think about her and looked this up and see she has Passed On a month ago tomorrow. I first met her in the late '80's in the Tulsa 5th Ward. I took care of the older lady she tended, so she could go to some special classes. I especially remember how funny she was giving herself a pretty short haircut before her mission. 😊

She used to go with us to the Oklahoma City Temple with Dolly Petermann's groups of ladies. Dolly just passed away a couple of days ago, and I just bet dear Jean was there with others to greet Dolly.

We all enjoyed coming to Jean's 90th birthday party in Broken Arrow a few years ago.

I'm sure I speak for that group of Claremore ladies wishing all of Jean's family well, and letting you know we loved her and the times we spent with her over the years.

Nancy Gardner - September 02, 2021 at 08:54 AM



I just saw this about. Mary Jean passing. She was my cousin . Her mother and mine were sisters. I talked to her on her Birthday last March. T

She had such a great humor. Love talking with her and laughing. She was such a beautiful person in and out.. she will be greatly missed, She loved the Lord with all her heart. I will be seeing her one day. Love you Jean Your cousin Betty Stites

Betty Stites - January 18, 2022 at 09:29 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary "Jean" Croke.*



August 06, 2021 at 10:03 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mary "Jean" Croke.*



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“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary "Jean" Croke.*



August 06, 2021 at 07:33 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mary "Jean" Croke.*



August 05, 2021 at 11:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary "Jean" Croke.*



August 05, 2021 at 10:08 PM



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



Hayhurst Funeral Home - August 03, 2021 at 11:13 PM