



## Joanne Helen Berry

January 6, 1955 - January 30, 2025

Joanne Helen Berry, 70, of Durant, Oklahoma passed from this life on January 30, 2025. Joanne was born in Joliet, Illinois on January 6, 1955, and resided in Mokena, Illinois until moving to Antlers, Oklahoma her freshman year of high school. She attended Mokena school and then graduated from Antlers high school. Upon graduation, she attended college at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Joanne married Billy Bob Berry, her high school sweetheart, on June 16th, 1973, in Hugo, Oklahoma. They were married 46 years to the day and were blessed with a loving, happy, laughter-filled marriage. Joanne deeply loved her family, and her four children certainly kept her busy.... she was the CEO of the Berry Circus, Inc. but also managed a chain of convenience stores in her spare time throughout Oklahoma and Texas.

Joanne had many loves and hobbies. She was an avid reader in her spare time, sometimes locking herself in the bathroom for hours just to gain some peace and quiet from her very loud children and all their friends. She loved watching football, particularly the Oklahoma Sooners. She was passionate about all her grandchildren's plays, speeches, and shows and her grandsons' football games and enjoyed attending whatever activity they were participating in. Joanne also loved to shop, trying on anything and everything, the more outlandish the better, sometimes just to gain a laugh. To that end, one of Joanne's favorite things was laughter...she loved humor and often couldn't get through a s a good story without giggling out her sentences. She also couldn't keep a secret amongst her children...especially if it was a funny one. She was known for her sarcastic, quick wit. Spring was her favorite season because of how much she loved tulips. Joanne also enjoyed watching period pieces such as Bridgerton. Joanne enjoyed eating out and her favorite restaurant was Dining Around. She often liked to order dessert first and all of her children and grandchildren can attest to her love of sweets. She enjoyed giving her children and grandchildren back scratches, starting a long tradition of oller-mollers. Lastly, the most wonderful and important thing her family wants everyone to know is that Joanne Helen Berry truly loved the Lord. Joanne and Billy Bob were active members of Abundant Life Texoma for many years but also enjoyed attending Victory Life church, especially during their summer jubilee. Joanne was a fanatic when it came to

worship music and was in her element when she was praising and worshipping God.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Billy Bob Berry, granddaughter Rowan Berry, nephew Bruce Charvat, sister Donna Sevall, sister Barbara Collins and her husband Rick, stepsister Janet Warren, stepbrother John Casey Campbell, niece Jody Clifton, nephew Bobbie Joe Childers, father Gordon Bruce, mother Charlotte and stepfather Jack Campbell.

She is survived by daughter Jennifer Nelson and granddaughters Darian and Dylan Nelson of Durant, Daughter and son-in-law Emily and Evan Ault, of Caddo, granddaughter, Charlotte and husband Nate Hodson, of Tulsa, and grandsons Elam and Abiel Brantley, also of Caddo, Daughter and son-in-law Kimberly and Todd McCarty, of Durant, granddaughters Joanna, Rylan, Mylee and Myra Lain and Josslynn McCarty, of Durant, Son and daughter-in-law Caleb and Nikki Berry, of Durant. Grandson Jonas Swopes-Berry, of Stillwater, and granddaughter Lilah Berry, of Durant.

Joanne is also survived by sister and brother-in-law Bonnie and John Charvat, of Sevierville Tennessee, brother and sister-in-law Gordon and Linda Bruce, of Durant, brother and sister-in-law Robert and Teresa Bruce, of Antlers, stepsister and husband Anita and Bob Clifton, of Antlers, stepsister Debra Campbell, of Shawnee, stepsister and husband Callie and Joe Childers, of Antlers, brother-in-law and wife Mike and Kellis Berry, of Antlers, sister in law and husband, Wynonna and Bill Winn, of Claremore, and many nieces and nephews that she dearly loved and their children.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday February 8, 2025 at 2:00 PM at Abundant Life Texoma Church in Durant. Interment will follow in Highland Cemetery with John Charvat, Dan Collins, Scott Sevall, Andrew Collins, Andrew Collins Jr, and Adam Collins serving as pallbearers. The family will receive friends and family on Friday evening from 6-8 PM. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.brownsfuneralservice.com](http://www.brownsfuneralservice.com)

Arrangements are under the direction of Brown's Durant Funeral and Cremation Service.  
<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/Z2TZ6BYHQDPXRN3T>

# Cemetery Details

## Highland Cemetery

1620 Cemetery Rd  
Durant, OK

# Previous Events

## Family Visitation

FEB 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Service - Durant  
4900 West US Hwy 70  
Durant, OK 74701  
(580) 920-0393  
info@brownsfuneralservice.com  
<https://www.brownsfuneralservice.com/>

## Funeral Service

FEB 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

Abundant Life Texoma  
1307 N Washington Ave  
Durant, OK 74701  
(580) 924-5646

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Joanne Helen Berry*



**Brown's Durant Funeral Service** - February 07, 2025 at 10:33 AM



“ *Fly High Joanne you are missed as is Bill.  
Wonderful Friend and Soul.  
Thanks for being apart of my Families life.*

**Rob Bryan** - February 08, 2025 at 11:30 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joanne Helen Berry.*

February 07, 2025 at 02:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joanne Helen Berry.*



February 07, 2025 at 02:12 PM



“ 59 files added to the album *Gallery of Pictures*



**Brown's Durant Funeral Service** - February 07, 2025 at 10:36 AM

DF

“ *Dan Andrew Jac and Families purchased the Country Basket B looms for the family of Joanne Helen Berry.*



**Dan Andrew Jac and Families** - February 06, 2025 at 03:23 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joanne Helen Berry.*



February 05, 2025 at 08:54 AM

KS

“ *Kevin and Lisa Stacks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joanne Helen Berry.*

**Kevin and Lisa Stacks** - February 05, 2025 at 08:54 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joanne Helen Berry.*



February 04, 2025 at 05:41 PM

YC

“ Your Roll Offs Trucking Crew purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Joanne Helen Berry.



Your Roll Offs Trucking Crew - February 03, 2025 at 04:04 PM

RU

“ Rolloffs USA purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joanne Helen Berry.



Rolloffs USA - February 03, 2025 at 10:34 AM

LE

“ Love, Jan Ebert purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joanne Helen Berry.



Love, Jan Ebert - February 02, 2025 at 10:25 PM

JE

“ Jennifer, Emily, Kim, & Caleb,  
What a blessing to have Joanne as your mom. Over our 60+ years of friendship, we have shared laughter (she was so much fun!), love, sorrow and joy. Joanne was a cherished friend, a great mother and wife. I will always remember her dimpled smile, sense of humor, her love of family, and most importantly her love of Christ.  
May God's peace surround you with the wonderful memories you have of her.  
Love, Jan Ebert

Jan Ebert - February 02, 2025 at 09:58 PM

JS

“ Jerry S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joanne Helen Berry.

Jerry S. - February 02, 2025 at 04:40 PM

JS

“ Jerry S. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joanne Helen Berry.



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**Jerry S.** - February 02, 2025 at 04:40 PM

MB

“ Mike Berry planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joanne Helen Berry.

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**Mike Berry** - February 02, 2025 at 04:31 PM

MB

“ Mike Berry purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Joanne Helen Berry.



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**Mike Berry** - February 02, 2025 at 04:31 PM

JB

“ Jaime, Chris, abd the boys planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joanne Helen Berry.

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**Jaime, Chris, abd the boys** - February 02, 2025 at 01:51 PM

JB

“ Jaime, Chris, abd the boys purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joanne Helen Berry.



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**Jaime, Chris, abd the boys** - February 02, 2025 at 01:51 PM

PW

“ *Joanne in her darkest days always found the positives. Her struggles are over...although she loved her children and family so much and hated to leave she was welcomed to her Heavenly home by Billy Bob!! She always talked about him and gave me updates on the kids when we're together! I wish peace, strength and love to her family. My prayers.*



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**Patty Wilhitr** - February 01, 2025 at 09:52 AM