



## Margaret Jo Lemke

October 6, 1931 - January 7, 2025

Margaret Jo Lorraine Richardson Lemke was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma on October 6, 1931, to Walter and May Richardson and passed from this world on January 7, 2025, in Durant, Oklahoma at the age of 93. She graduated from Tulsa Central High School and later married the love of her life David Lemke, Sr., at her parents' home on June 8, 1949. Margaret and David had 5 children over the years, and she worked on and off outside the home. After moving to southeast Oklahoma in the late 70's, she worked many years at the Big Five Head Start in Durant. She loved to garden and care for her chickens and her dog. Her favorite hobbies were embroidery and making quilts for her friends and family. A Christian most of her life, she was a member of the Big Creek Chapel in Bokchito, Oklahoma. She was a regular volunteer at the Senior Citizen's Center in Bokchito as well. One of her most endearing traits was that she always sent thank you cards for any gift and sometimes just for visiting her, and she never missed a birthday card for her kids, grandkids, great grandkids, or great-great grandkids. Margaret, known as Gram-E to her family, will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her, but her loved ones take comfort in knowing that she has been reunited with her husband David E. Lemke, Sr. in their eternal home in heaven.

Margaret is survived by her children, Deborah Kay and husband Gregg Hilker, David Lemke Jr. and wife Kelli, Daniel Kurt Lemke and wife Pam, Drew Ann Pfister and husband Mike, and Donna Darlene Hampton/Watkins and

husband Mike; grandchildren, Shannon Strope, Sharla and Mark Gruber, Spencer Stanley and Jackie, Brenda and Lamar Hagerty, Stena Dawn and Jeff Brewer, David Lemke III and wife Kyndra, Kaylynn and Kameron Curtis, Mandy Moenig, Taylor Lemke, Scott and Lindsay Bell, DeMichael and Nathan Moore, DeLanie and Zack Collier, Destanie Watkins, and Damien Lunsford/Watkins and wife Allyson; great grandchildren, Karson Strope, Layne Doss, Madelynn Mackey, Billy Curtis Bell, Timothy and Abbey Brewer, Morgan and Malkolm Hagerty, Trinity, Audrey and Julie Lemke, Hannah Margaret and William Moenig, Jackson, Easton and Savannah Bell, Raelyn, Katie, and Dylonn Moore, Rylee and Rowen Collier, and Charlie Goss; great-great grandchildren, Billy Christopher Bell and Lucas Moenig; sister in law Kathryn Richardson; nephew Jim Hughes; niece Jo Elaine Stoll and numerous extended family and friends.

Margaret is preceded in death by her parents and siblings; her beloved husband of 68 years David Lemke, SR; grandsons Caleb Lemke and Andy Strope, great-grandson McKeon Mackey, and a great-great-grandson David Wade Bell.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at Brown's Funeral Service Chapel in Durant. Bro. Jim Hughes will officiate. Interment will follow in Bennington Cemetery with David Lemke III, Scott Bell, Taylor Lemke, Damien Lunsford, Morgan Hagerty, Malkolm Hagerty, Lamar Hagerty, Zack Collier, Nathan Moore, and Jeff Brewer serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Spencer Stanley, Billy Curtis Bell, and Rowen Rhett Collier. The family will receive friends on Monday 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 Browns' Durant Funeral and Cremation Service.

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/RWMRLQF9522DFPRZ>

# Cemetery Details

## Bennington Cemetery

Bennington, OK 74723

# Previous Events

## Family Visitation

JAN 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Service - Durant  
4900 West US Hwy 70  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Margaret Jo Lemke*



**Brown's Durant Funeral Service** - January 13, 2025 at 04:27 PM

DK

“ *David, Kelli, Kameron and Kaylynn purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Margaret Jo Lemke.*



**David, Kelli, Kameron and Kaylynn** - January 13, 2025 at 11:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Margaret Jo Lemke.*



January 13, 2025 at 09:18 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Margaret Jo Lemke.*

January 13, 2025 at 09:18 PM

MC

“ We are sorry for your loss. Our hearts are heavy as we think & pray for you all. May the comfort of our God be the source of your peace and strength.

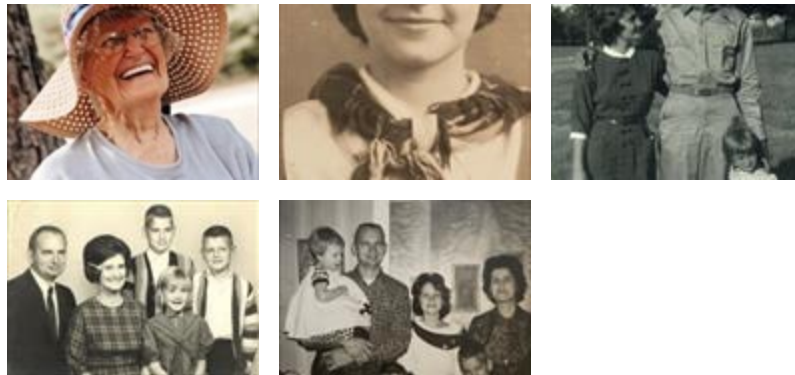
God bless you all,  
Mack & Shirley Chambers

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**Mack & Shirley Chambers** - January 13, 2025 at 07:20 PM



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



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**Brown's Durant Funeral Service** - January 13, 2025 at 04:34 PM

CR

“ *chris reynolds purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Margaret Jo Lemke.*



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**chris reynolds** - January 13, 2025 at 01:34 PM

JA

“ We are so sorry to hear of Margaret's passing. She was a very sweet, loving lady, and I know she will be greatly missed. Our prayers are with your family - Roddy and Jeana Arnold

Jeana Arnold - January 13, 2025 at 12:30 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Margaret Jo Lemke.



January 13, 2025 at 10:38 AM

PR

“ Dear Debbie, Drew, DeeDee, David, and Danny & families... My sincere condolences and prayers! Thinking of the Lemke family and the love and legacy Aunt Margaret left behind. Rejoicing in the hope of everlasting life through Jesus our Lord! May God bless all of you during this time and always!

Love,  
Phillip Richardson

Phillip Richardson - January 12, 2025 at 03:15 PM

EW

“ Evie M Heurtevant Pierce And Jeff Wilson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Margaret Jo Lemke.



Evie M Heurtevant Pierce And Jeff Wilson - January 12, 2025 at 02:31 PM

EW

“ Evie M Heurtevant Pierce And Jeff Wilson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret Jo Lemke.

Evie M Heurtevant Pierce And Jeff Wilson - January 12, 2025 at 02:31 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Margaret Jo Lemke.



January 12, 2025 at 07:47 AM

TR

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Tim Richardson - January 11, 2025 at 07:20 PM

TR

Bill Richardson and Kathy Richardson visit in 209

Tim Richardson - January 11, 2025 at 07:21 PM

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Tim Richardson - January 12, 2025 at 10:38 PM

MM

“ Madelynn Mackey purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Margaret Jo Lemke.



Madelynn Mackey - January 10, 2025 at 04:07 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Margaret Jo Lemke.



January 10, 2025 at 02:32 PM

MW

“ Mandy, Luis, Hannah Margaret, William purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Margaret Jo Lemke.



Mandy, Luis, Hannah Margaret, William - January 10, 2025 at 04:33 AM

BF

“ Billy Curtis Bell & Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Margaret Jo Lemke.



Billy Curtis Bell & Family - January 09, 2025 at 07:56 PM

KF

“ Karen Stewart Fricano purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Margaret Jo Lemke.



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**Karen Stewart Fricano** - January 09, 2025 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Jo, Jeff and Karen purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Margaret Jo Lemke.



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**Jo, Jeff and Karen** - January 08, 2025 at 08:20 PM

MA

“ Melissa Walker Albright purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Margaret Jo Lemke.



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**Melissa Walker Albright** - January 08, 2025 at 07:53 PM

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“ Melissa Walker Albright planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret Jo Lemke.

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**Melissa Walker Albright** - January 08, 2025 at 07:53 PM

KJ

“ Kathryn, Tim, Curtis, Phillip, Jonathan purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Margaret Jo Lemke.



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**Kathryn, Tim, Curtis, Phillip, Jonathan** - January 08, 2025 at 06:46 PM