



## Mary Elizabeth (Wagoner) Cranford

March 9, 1942 - June 3, 2020

Mary Elizabeth Wagoner Cranford, age 78, passed away peacefully June 3rd, 2020 in Fort Worth, Texas. She was born March 9, 1942 in Durant, Oklahoma to Ray and Grace Wagoner.

She quit high school to marry her sweetheart, Jerry Cranford on October 1st, 1958 and later received her GED, a business school degree in accounting and at the age of 50 earned her Bachelor's Degree in Business Management. In March of 1961, Mary gave birth to what she called her "greatest accomplishment" – her son, Denis Wayne Cranford.

From car hop and waitressing, to receptionist, bookkeeper and eventually head of Human Resources for two large companies in Dallas, Mary's career was always an important part of her life - and during her working tenure served on the Board of the Las Colinas Credit Union.

Mary's philosophy of always giving back was evident in her varied volunteer efforts within her communities. While serving as the Chairman of the Board of Irving CARES, Mary influenced the establishment of a Health Services Building to benefit the entire city. She also served on the Irving Cable and YMCA Board of Directors. And to support the community she grew up in and loved, Mary established a George Washington Grade School reunion to reunite classmates from the East Side of Durant. Mary also served and

chaired her Durant High School reunion. She witnessed the need to provide Christmas cheer and love to residents of the local Durant nursing homes and organized yearly trips to sing carols and deliver gifts. She was a passionate collector of Durant memorabilia and donated much of her collection to the Durant Museum.

Mary is survived by her husband, Jerry Wayne Cranford, son Denis Wayne Cranford, brother Dale Wagoner, brother Eddie Wagoner and his wife Lynda, and numerous nieces and nephews who love her dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ray and Grace (Grider) Wagoner, and her brothers Harold and David Wagoner.

Please join us in celebrating Mary's life on Tuesday June 9th at 1pm at Brown's Funeral Home in Durant, Oklahoma. Mary's favorite color was pink, so please think pink in remembrance. Family hour will be Monday, June 8th from 6pm – 8pm also at Brown's. Interment at Highland Cemetery following service.

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/R4SFC7MSCJRZ7D9W>

# Cemetery Details

## Highland Cemetery

1620 Cemetery Rd  
Durant, OK

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

JUN 8. 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](mailto:info@brownsfuneralservice.com)  
<https://www.brownsfuneralservice.com/>

## Chapel Service

JUN 9. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Elizabeth (Wagoner) Cranford*



**Brown's Durant Funeral Service** - June 19, 2020 at 11:49 AM



“ *Mary Elizabeth (Wagoner) Cranford*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth (Wagoner) Cranford.*



June 09, 2020 at 12:55 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth (Wagoner) Cranford.*



June 08, 2020 at 06:09 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth (Wagoner) Cranford.*



June 08, 2020 at 05:39 PM



“ *Robert, Todd, Jennifer, Marcela & Kris purchased the Touching Tribute Spray for the family of Mary Elizabeth (Wagoner) Cranford.*



**Robert, Todd, Jennifer, Marcela & Kris** - June 08, 2020 at 01:29 PM



“ *Camp Fire First Texas Board and Staff purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Elizabeth (Wagoner) Cranford.*



**Camp Fire First Texas Board and Staff** - June 08, 2020 at 12:54 PM



“ *Paula Skalenda purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Mary Elizabeth (Wagoner) Cranford.*



**Paula Skalenda** - June 08, 2020 at 10:49 AM

CB

“ Charlie & Karen Bell purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Mary Elizabeth (Wagoner) Cranford.



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**Charlie & Karen Bell** - June 08, 2020 at 10:21 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth (Wagoner) Cranford.



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June 08, 2020 at 08:39 AM

JB

“ Jeff and Libby Brown purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Mary Elizabeth (Wagoner) Cranford.



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**Jeff and Libby Brown** - June 07, 2020 at 06:06 PM

KR

“ From 2017 when Mary, Harold and Bud were still with us. These were taken in front of Harold's home. Remembering Mary's smile, Harold's tenderness and Bud's sense of humor. Mary would always order fried bologna when we went for ribs and BBQ. I would always try to sit by Mary. I must have said something that got her going because she was pointing that finger right at me. With love, Ken Reynolds



Kenneth R Reynolds - June 07, 2020 at 05:55 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth (Wagoner) Cranford.



June 07, 2020 at 05:25 PM

JR

“ Jo Ann and Ken Reynolds purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Mary Elizabeth (Wagoner) Cranford.



Jo Ann and Ken Reynolds - June 07, 2020 at 02:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth (Wagoner) Cranford.*



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June 07, 2020 at 01:01 PM



“ *Mary made me feel so at home at the one cousin's party I went to at her son's house. She had such style and grace. Her home and her son's home were decorated with warmth, taste and beauty and I wanted to copy everything she did. She made a huge impression on me and I left the party thinking, "I want to be like Mary."*

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**Paulette M Hackworth** - June 07, 2020 at 11:53 AM



“ *John, Paulette and Stephen Hackworth purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Elizabeth (Wagoner) Cranford.*



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**John, Paulette and Stephen Hackworth** - June 07, 2020 at 11:41 AM

BG

“ Will always remember Mary as one of the kindest, most giving women we have known. We will also remember her smiling face at all the camp fundraisers, at Denis’ Christmas party (where she put out the most amazing meals for 50 or so people), and when she brought cookies, brownies and the most delicious peanut brittle to camp for all the volunteers to enjoy. She raised an amazing son who is just as giving and wonderful as she was. Love you Mary...and will miss you so much! Big hugs and kisses to Jerry and Denis...know that you will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Love,  
Denis and Barbara Greer

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**Barbara Greer** - June 07, 2020 at 10:52 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth (Wagoner) Cranford.



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June 07, 2020 at 06:38 AM



“ Shelley Dawn Wagoner lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth (Wagoner) Cranford



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**Shelley Dawn Wagoner** - June 07, 2020 at 01:32 AM

SS

“ Mary Cranford was one of the kindest women I have ever known. She adored my dear friend Denis (Denny) and just to see the love and pride in her eyes was something special. Mary supported Denis' passion for Camp El Tesoro de la Vida, a grief recovery camp Dennis directed. She brought cookies, brownies and peanut brittle every year for all the counselors and staff. We all loved Mary so much. She will be missed so much but all of us. Love to you Denis and Jerry. We love you!💕  
Sally and Steve Snow

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Sally Snow - June 07, 2020 at 12:33 AM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth (Wagoner) Cranford.



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June 06, 2020 at 07:39 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth (Wagoner) Cranford.



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June 06, 2020 at 05:22 PM

SM

“ *What a wonderful sweet lady that I had the honor of being a cousin to. We had so much fun together with Jerry and Denny my heart is broken I pray for peace and comfort for all. I will miss you Mary until we meet again in heaven. Tell mom and aunt tootie I love them please.*

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**sammy mcadams** - June 06, 2020 at 04:52 PM

BS

*Our family knew the Ray and Grace Wagnor family. My parent's went to church with them on West Texas. So sorry for the loss. LORD be with Mary's family. Keep your mercy and grace all around them. Be there comfort and strong tower. IN JESUS NAME.*

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**Billy Shans** - June 06, 2020 at 08:53 PM

BS

*Mary was my sister Virginia age.*

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**Billy Shans** - June 06, 2020 at 08:54 PM



*RIP*

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**Shelley Dawn Wagoner** - June 07, 2020 at 01:30 AM

JR

*Mary was a special person that as cousins I had the opportunity to know all her life. She was always the same and had a big smile every time I saw her. My heart is broken. She and her brother Harold always made an effort to make sure I had a place reserved in the family even though I lived so far away.*

*Jo Ann Grider Reynolds*

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**Jo Ann Grider Reynolds** - June 07, 2020 at 02:31 PM