



## Elaine Gail Byars

April 21, 1969 - December 13, 2024

Elaine Gail Byars, known as "Jack" to most friends and family, passed away on December 13, 2024, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at the age of 55. She was born on April 21, 1969, in Tishomingo, Oklahoma, to Ivan and Wanda (Carter) Wagon. Elaine grew up in Pontotoc, attending and graduating from McLish High School. During her school years, she was an avid athlete who excelled in softball and basketball. After high school, she worked as a bus driver and teacher assistant for Head Start, later transitioning to administrative roles in nursing homes. Elaine concluded her professional career working for the Chickasaw Nation.

Elaine enjoyed going to the casino, watching TV, and, as her family lovingly teased, nagging her loved ones. The highlights of her life were her family and her dedication to caring for others. Above all, Elaine taught her children to cherish their family and to love everyone.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Mark Byars, and her siblings Terry Wagon, Watson Wagon, and Angie Lewis.

Elaine is survived by her boyfriend and love of her life, James Factor; her sons, Terry Byars and James Byars; her daughter, Sasha Wagon; and her grandchildren, Elijah Byars and Layla Byars. She also leaves behind a host of other family and friends who will miss her dearly.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, December 20, 2024, at DeArman-Clark Funeral Home Chapel in Tishomingo, Oklahoma, with interment to follow at Seeley Cemetery. Family hour will be on Thursday, December 19, 2024, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Justin Seeley, Michael Hook, John Factor, Jon Gipson, James Culberson, and Shannon Carter. Honorary pallbearers include Bryon Johnson, Colton Johnson, Michael Perkins, Josh Wagon, Josh Factor, and Elijah Byars

# Cemetery Details

## Seeley Cemetery

Connerville, OK 74836

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

DEC **19**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

DeArman - Clark Funeral Home  
305 E. Main  
Tishomingo, OK 73460  
(580) 371-2338  
dearmanclarkfh@gmail.com  
<https://www.dearmanfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

DEC **20**. 2:00 PM.

Seeley Chapel  
Connerville, OK

# Tribute Wall

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“ Elaine was a good friend, I remember when her and Mark used to live behind me at the Indian village, she used to talk to me every now and then here on Facebook, I will miss Elaine I have known her ever since we were kids, well she was a little younger than me, she was always kind to me a little on the ornery side but yet a good friend, our kids want to school together back in the day, I sure will miss her, prayers to all her family



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**Stephanye luker** - December 29, 2024 at 11:36 PM

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**Jesse Catron** - December 22, 2024 at 02:14 AM

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“ My favorite memory of you was when you had that horse and we would walk it all over the cemetery and by your house and my grandma's. I remember when you didn't put the saddle on good and you went all the way around the horses belly and was u side down and was screaming for help and we laughed and laughed about that all day long, after you were safe of course. I wish I would have hugged you a little tighter, the last time I seen you. I know you are in a better place. I love you!!

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**Philana Rodriguez** - December 16, 2024 at 05:02 PM



“ *My Favorite Memories of Elaine. She loved the Casinos and Going out to Eat.*

*We did Alot of That.*

*I loved how she loved my Girls, and Even my little Chihuahua. And my Girls Loved her.*

*My girls loved Cooking with her. And one year they made both mine Elaine and I mother day a special year.and cooked for both of us.*

*That is one favorite memory that I will always have of her. That I was lucky enough to share a mothers day with.*

*I will always carry a part of you. You was there when I needed a friend to talk to, you would listen and never judge. That's what I most loved about you. ,*



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**Mary Bradford** - December 16, 2024 at 03:14 PM