



Emma Jean McLeod

March 1, 1947 - June 13, 2025

Emma McLeod, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and devoted teacher of the Chickasaw language, passed away peacefully at her home in Connerville, Oklahoma, on June 13, 2025, at the age of 78.

Born and raised in Connerville, Emma dedicated her life to her family, her faith, and the preservation of Chickasaw culture. She was a proud alumna of Sequoyah High School, Murray State College, East Central University, and the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy. Her academic journey reflected her lifelong love for learning and service.

Emma was a recipient of the prestigious Silver Feather Award and was known throughout the Chickasaw Nation for her work as a Chickasaw Language Instructor, Museum Assistant, and Chickasaw Language Committee Member. She also completed the Chickasaw Nation Master Apprenticeship Program, a testament to her commitment to preserving and passing on the Chickasaw language. Emma found joy in teaching Sunday school and sharing stories with her grandchildren, who were the light of her life.

She is survived by her children: Tommie Postoak of Tishomingo, Oklahoma; Tonya Roberts of Ada, Oklahoma; Johnny McLeod of Ardmore, Oklahoma; and Anthony Lattie of Connerville, Oklahoma. She leaves behind her cherished grandchildren: Rochell Sampson of Connerville; Brandon Postoak

of Harrah; Tiffany Lane of Ada; Rylyn McLeod; Matthew McLeod; Casey Roberts of Tulsa, Ok, Cara Roberts of Ada, Ok, and Joshua Bryant of Tennessee along with many great-grandchildren who will carry on her love and legacy.

Emma was preceded in death by her parents, her grandmother Eliza Russell, sister Joy Darley, sister Phyllis Lattie, brother James lattie, son James Sampson, daughter Sandy Walker, and beloved grandson Lakota Tolloak.

Her family takes comfort in knowing she is reunited with those she loved and missed so deeply. Emma's passion for her heritage, her gentle spirit, and the wisdom she imparted will never be forgotten.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Tishomingo Chickasaw Community Center. All are welcome to join in celebrating the life of a remarkable woman who gave so much to her family, her tribe, and her community.

Family night will be held on Tuesday, June 17, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. at Clark's Funeral Home in Tishomingo, Oklahoma.

Previous Events

Family & Friends

JUN 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

DeArman - Clark Funeral Home
305 E. Main
Tishomingo, OK 73460
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Celebration of Life

JUN 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

Chickasaw Community Center
818 E. 6th Street
Tishomingo, OK 73460

Tribute Wall

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Robin Saenz - June 18, 2025 at 10:10 AM

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“ Robin Saenz lit a candle in memory of Emma Jean McLeod



Robin Saenz - June 18, 2025 at 09:54 AM