



Mary Jane Maddox

August 16, 1936 - April 26, 2025

Mary Jane (Castleberry) Maddox was born on August 16, 1936 in Oak Grove, Oklahoma, to Camellia “Sis” (Cannon) and Virgil Castleberry. She passed from this life on April 26, 2025 at her home in Sulphur, Oklahoma.

Mary Jane grew up on a dairy farm where she learned things such as canning, field work and milking cows. She graduated from Hickory High School

She married the love of her life, James “Don” Maddox on November 2, 1957 in Gainesville, Texas. The couple had three children; Donald, Debra and Terri. The young family moved around the country, as Don was serving our country in the Air Force. They moved to Dallas, Texas in 1963 where they lived until moving home to Oklahoma in 2003.

Mary also had an exciting career as an avionics engineer for Texas Instruments for over 30 years before she retired. You wouldn't believe this sweet lady built missile bombs and even invented the first GPS for space. After retiring and moving home, she followed her other love. People, service and being in the kitchen! She worked as the cook for Oak Grove Senior Center until she could no longer work. Plenty would agree that she was one of the best cooks around! So many words come to mind when describing Mary Jane: hardworking, resilient, compassionate, caring. She was always cooking for someone, lending a helping hand, making donations and helping in her communities whenever possible.

She was a very busy woman but always made time for her most precious gift;

her family. Her grandkids were her absolute pride and joy and she took great pride in having a hand in raising each one of them.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Donald Maddox; one daughter, Debbie Maddox; and two siblings Ruth and Sonny.

Those left to cherish her memories are her daughter, Terri Richardson of Sulphur, OK; 3 grandchildren, Ricky and Brandy Gorrell of Dallas, TX, Angel Parrott of Dallas, TX, and Donjalec Hughes of Sulphur, OK. 3 great-grandchildren, Aleck and Christian Gorrell of Milton, FL; Makaylah and Timothy Isbell of Dallas, TX. 5 great-great-grandchildren Noah Hughes Richardson and Ember Arles of Sulphur, OK, and Cadence, Courtlyn and Corbyn Gorrell of Milton, FL.

Services to celebrate the incredible life of Mary Jane Maddox were held on May 2, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at Oak Grove Baptist Church with Pastors Fred and Karen Bailey officiating. Those serving as pallbearers were Phillip Gorrell, Ricky Gorrell, Aleck Gorrell, Bart Castleberry, Rick Haggood and Donjalec Hughes. Honorary pallbearers were Timothy Isbell, Jr., Makaylah Isbell, Noah Hughes Richardson, Ember Arles, Angel Parrott, Cadence Gorrell, Corbyn Gorrell and Courtlyn Gorrell.

Arrangements are being made under the direction of DeArman Funeral Home of Sulphur.

Previous Events

Family & Friends

MAY 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Crossway First Baptist Church
2108 W Broadway Ave
Sulphur, OK 73086

Funeral Service

MAY 2. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Oak Grove Church
7126 US-177
Sulphur, OK 73086-9141
(580) 622-3146

Interment

MAY 2. 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Oaklawn Cemetery
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Sulphur, OK 73086