



## Jeri Elyse Tackett

August 5, 1954 - November 2, 2025

Jeri Elyse Tackett, 71, of Fort Gibson, Oklahoma, passed away on Sunday, November 2, 2025, at her home. She was born on August 5, 1954, in International Falls, Minnesota, to Arden and Lavera Ann (Bennett) Espe. Jeri pursued her education with determination, earning an associate's degree in computer science from Ivy Tech State College in Terra Haute, Indiana in 1998 and she also received certification in upholstery in White Bear Lake, Minnesota. Her creativity and resourcefulness were evident in every aspect of her life. Whether she was painting garage door murals or crafting her own tea, chapstick, and ointments, Jeri approached each project with imagination and dedication.

A gifted artisan, Jeri created beautiful jewelry pieces and custom cakes that reflected her artistic spirit. Her love for gardening was equally strong—she nurtured vibrant flowers and bountiful vegetables with a green thumb and great care. Animals held a special place in her heart, and she delighted in showering her pets with affection.

Above all else, Jeri's greatest joy came from her family. She devoted herself to teaching her children essential life skills and cherished every moment spent with her grandchildren. Always eager to be involved, she embraced every opportunity to participate in school functions and field trips—even riding a hoverboard alongside Chloe.

Jeri leaves behind a legacy of love, creativity, and unwavering devotion. Her presence enriched the lives of those around her, and she will be deeply

missed by all who knew her.

Those left to cherish Jeri's memory are her daughters, Brandy Jefferis of Unionville, Tennessee, Meagan Hollaway of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, and Jennifer Moore of Muskogee, Oklahoma; her son, Tony Tackett of Fort Gibson; extended family; and many friends.

Jeri's life will be celebrated 1PM, Saturday, November 8, 2025, at Citizens Cemetery Pavilion with Pastor Richard Christian officiating.

The family of Jeri Elyse (Espe) Tackett has entrusted her cremation, service, and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555. Online condolences may be left for the Tackett family at [clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com](http://clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Citizens Cemetery

Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV 8. 1:00 PM (CT)

Citizens Cemetery, Fort Gibson, Ok  
84 S Gladd Rd  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Jeri, was an awesome person to work with at Muskogee Walmart, Muskogee Oklahoma, she will be miss! Can't wait to see her in Heaven! Prayers to all who knew her. God Bless all of you! Angela*



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**Angela** - November 08, 2025 at 05:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jeri Elyse Tackett.*



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November 07, 2025 at 07:37 PM

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“ *All my love, Bonnie House Funk planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeri Elyse Tackett.*

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**All my love, Bonnie House Funk** - November 07, 2025 at 07:37 PM

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“ I have very many memories with Jeri and all of them were great. The best one was an ongoing one..... she was staying with me for a few weeks in the summer, she was 16 and I was 15. We were bored and not allowed to do much of anything so We hatched an awesome plan to run away from home and see all that we could. So we thought we were very smart to be disguising ourselves before we left. Of course this was her idea! So we cut our hair and I believe we also dyed it.... And we snuck out my bedroom window and away we went. Of course this story would take a very long time to write because we were gone for many weeks with each day being a great adventure. We were two peas in a pod.....and we were buds , besties, I looked up to her. She was beautiful, she was funny, had a good spirit and a twinkle in her eyes..... At some point we got separated and our lives went on in different directions..... I'm just so sorry I couldn't be there for the last hurrah .....Rest in Peace sweet girl..... Love you!  
Footnote..... Apparently we weren't as smart as we thought we were when we took off..... we left the cut hair and dye package in my bedroom garbage can for all to see. 🙋🏻♀

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**Bonnie House Funk (cousin)** - November 07, 2025 at 07:28 PM

DA

“ I'm a plant vendor for Wal-Mart. Miss Jeri is the sunshine when I would visit her store .She loves plants and would work with me to make the garden center absolutely amazing . Love you sister # Altman Specialty Plants

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**Dana** - November 07, 2025 at 07:12 PM

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“ *Frank & Region 14, Tractor Supply Co. purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Jeri Elyse Tackett.*



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**Frank & Region 14, Tractor Supply Co.** - November 06, 2025  
at 11:33 AM

MR

“ *A truly wonderful soul. I have always admired her ability to find good in everything.*

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**Mark Reed** - November 05, 2025 at 07:56 PM

YF

“ *your TWC Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jeri Elyse Tackett.*



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**your TWC Family** - November 05, 2025 at 08:48 AM

YF

“ *your TWC Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeri Elyse Tackett.*

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**your TWC Family** - November 05, 2025 at 08:48 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jeri Elyse Tackett.*



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November 05, 2025 at 08:23 AM



“ *All your friends at OESCO planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeri Elyse Tackett.*

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**All your friends at OESCO** - November 05, 2025 at 08:23 AM



“ *Todd and Loraine Briggs purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Jeri Elyse Tackett.*



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**Todd and Loraine Briggs** - November 04, 2025 at 10:21 AM