



Signe Elin Schoonover

January 30, 1945 - September 24, 2024

Signe Elin (Leathers) Schoonover, of Muskogee, OK, passed from this life on September 24, 2024. She was born in Livermore Falls, Maine on January 30, 1945, in Ma Bean's Nursing Home, during a raging blizzard, to Dwight and Eila Wheeler. The original plan was for her to be born in the hospital in Farmington, Maine, but because of the blizzard, that was not possible. She graduated from elementary school in Manchester, Maine, and graduated from Cony High School in Augusta, Maine with the class of 1963. She also took some college classes at the University of Maine, Augusta and Westark College, which is now known as the University of Arkansas Fort Smith in Fort Smith, AR. She was married in 1961 to Gary Perry and two children, Robin Leslie Perry and Craig Marshall Perry were born of that marriage. That marriage ended in divorce in 1978. She remarried in June of 1979 and welcomed four stepchildren, Randy Leathers, James Leathers Jr., Gaylen Leathers, and Roberta (Leathers) Russell. That marriage ended in divorce in 1994. She was remarried in March of 2003 to Jerry Schoonover of Muskogee, OK and welcomed two step- children, Regina Schoonover and Penny Schoonover Mackey. Signe loved life, she loved her family, she loved her friends, and she loved all her pet dogs throughout her life. She was an avid animal lover. She worked at KFSM- TV in Fort Smith for 6 years and retired from Furniture Factory Outlet Corporate Office in Muldrow, OK in July of 2008 after almost 20 years of employment. Since retiring, she has kept herself very busy. Signe loved to travel and throughout her life she traveled to all 50

states. Her "bucket list" was complete as of October 9, 2015, when she visited the 50th state. She also enjoyed going on cruises to the Bahamas and Alaska, and flying to Cancun, Mexico several times. She had also been to several Canadian provinces, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, and British Columbia. Signe and Jerry visited her friends and family in Maine many times. They also visited the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone National Park, Mt. Rushmore, Devil's Tower, Niagara Falls, the Hershey Factory in Hershey, PA, Washington, DC, Mt. Washington in NH, Graceland, took the ferry from Bar Harbor in Nova Scotia, and also spent some time in Seboomook, Maine. Signe and her friend, Sheri Shook, took a trip to North Dakota where they visited the International Peace Garden on the North Dakota, USA/Manitoba, Canada border. In May of 2016, she drove to Maine to visit her daughter and many friends. In February of 2016, she and her son-in-law, John, made the trip to Florida. She visited her son in Sarasota, and he visited with his friends in Melbourne. She also did line dancing with Daisy Lipe and Daisy's Line Dancers. Her real passion was doing aerobics with Jan Phillips, and Zumba with Karla Gibson and Rachel Meinershagen at Strictly Fitness in Muskogee. She made many, many friends along the way.

Signe was preceded in death by her parents, Dwight and Eila Wheeler; stepchildren, Randy Leathers, Gaylen Leathers, Roberta (Leathers) Russell, and Regina Schoonover; grandson, Josh Perry; maternal grandparents, Linne and Sam Hill; paternal grandparents, Roy and Alice Wheeler; her beloved dog, Lulu; an extra special friend, Margaret Templeton and her husband Larry. She is survived by her loving husband, Jerry Schoonover of Muskogee, OK; daughter, Robin Cooper of Jacksonville, Florida; son, Craig Perry and wife Lana of Sarasota, Florida; step-son, James Leathers Jr. and wife Kelly of Muldrow, OK; a very special son-in-law, John Russell of Sallisaw, OK; Penny Mackey and a very special son-in-law Dusty, of Muskogee, OK; sister-in-law, Joy Brumfield of Muskogee, OK; brother-in-law Thomas Schoonover of Muskogee, OK; her very special grandchildren, Jamaica Horn of Jacksonville, Florida, Renee Perry and Michelle Perry of Winthrop, Maine; Tyler Perry of

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Jerico Leathers of Muldrow, OK; Kara Cummins and family of Alma, Arkansas; Victor Leathers of Alma, Arkansas; Kayla and Heath Lewis of Muldrow, OK; Darren Pratt, Kyler, Sydni, and Kalei Mackey of Muskogee, OK; and three great-grandchildren of Florida.

A graveside service to celebrate Signe's life will be 11AM, Monday, September 30, 2024 at Oktaha Cemetery in Oktaha, OK with Brother Justin Kinman officiating.

The family of Signe Elin Schoonover has entrusted her care, cremation, services and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Muskogee. 918-910-8883. Online condolences may be left for Signe's family at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Oktaha Cemetery

Oktaha, OK

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

Oktaha Cemetery
Oktaha, OK

Tribute Wall

SR

“ So sorry to hear of Sigs passing. My fondest memory of her was 2005 I was transferred to the Muldrow ok home office as the new sales manager, which was a newly created job. She approached me on the first day and quote “ just what is your job here” and I responded, building a bridge from the stores to the main office ! So every now and then she’d ask, how’s that bridge going!

scott richards - September 28, 2024 at 12:43 PM

KJ

“ I will always remember the times at Furniture Factory Outlet and Sig training me doing accts payable, she was a patient boss as well after Joye retired and I will always remember we went to the Ark Ok fair and met Aaron Tippin, prayers to Sigs family and rest in peace sweet lady!

Kim Johnson - September 27, 2024 at 09:35 PM

MH

“ I treasure all the years we worked together at FFO and the thousands of laughs we shared. Jerry thank you for taking care of her, she bragged about you all the time. I guarantee she’s up to something all ready! Brownie Harp

Marsha Harp - September 27, 2024 at 05:52 PM

KJ

Hi Brownie! Kim!

Kim Johnson - September 27, 2024 at 09:36 PM

NB

“ Jerry, Tami and I are not able to attend the funeral but wanted you to know our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Having you and Signe visit us in Maine always made the family cookouts at Vicki's that much more special. Wishing you the best. Love, Naomi Bean and Tami Hill

Naomi L Bean - September 27, 2024 at 02:34 PM

KH

“ Thinking of you and your family!

Kim Hammer



Kim Hammer - September 26, 2024 at 11:48 PM

KG

“ I always loved having you in Zumba, best memories. My condolences to your family.



Karla Gibson - September 26, 2024 at 10:47 PM

TW

“ *The Whitmires purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Signe Elin Schoonover.*



The Whitmires - September 26, 2024 at 09:02 PM

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“ *The Whitmires planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Signe Elin Schoonover.*

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