

"Say not my day is o'er...Rather, my morn' just Begun!"

Shirlene Elizabeth
McBride



February 15, 1963 - March 3, 2026

“We Reflect...With Remembrance!”

Shirlene MCBRIDE

On February 15, 1963, a beautiful, baby girl was born from the union of Thomas and Dorothy [Roberts] Dean, Sr., in Muskogee, Oklahoma. They named their precious gift Shirlene Elizabeth Dean.

Affectionately referred to as “Shirl”, she was a lifelong resident of Muskogee, where she grew up and attended Muskogee Public School, where she ultimately graduated

from Muskogee High School with the illustrious Class of 1981.

At an impressionable young age, Shirl accepted Christ into her heart at her family church, Dean’s Chapel Baptist Church. During her life, Shirl held many vocations, with her position as a Nurse Aid being the job she enjoyed the most. It allowed her to help others and bring smiles to those who needed it the most.

She met and later married Andrew Cartwright and from their union came a beautiful baby girl, whom they named Crystal Jenee’ Cartwright on September 8, 1983. They later divorced.

Later in life, she married Tonny McBride and from this union, a precious baby girl they named Tonny Briana McBride. Shirlene was a loving mother, daughter, loyal sister to her siblings, aunt and friend. She loved

and enjoyed family, music, dancing, gardening, movies and shopping. She had a heart of gold and was loved and cherished by many.

In her 63rd year with us, Shirlene Elizabeth McBride “dozed into the tranquil peace of eternal slumber” on Tuesday evening, March 3, 2026, from St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Dorothy Dean, Sr., her brother, Thomas Dean, Jr., her sister, Darlene Coleman, and her nephew, Jody Dean, Sr.

Shirl leaves beautiful memories embedded in the hearts of her loving daughters Crystal Cartwright and Tonny McBride, both of Muskogee; five grandchildren, Keoindray Ragsdale, Jr., Ka’Myah McBride, Denzel Newton, Faith Martin and Jazzara Cartwright; three sisters, Sheila Fields, Linda [Tyron] Brooks, all of Tulsa, OK and Debra [Ollie] Brooks, Broken Arrow, OK; a brother, Tommy Dean, Sr., Muskogee; two special friends, Carla Moore and Donna Anderson; along with a caravan of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

“She’s so AMAZING!”

My mom was more than just my mother she was my best friend. Our relationship was so close that it often felt like we were sisters. We did everything together, and I will always be grateful for that bond. People say a mother is someone who guides you through life, but my mom did so much more than that. She was my safe place, my biggest supporter, and the person who always understood me.

My mom had a heart that was full of love. She cared deeply for the people in her life and always tried to make others smile, even when she had her own struggles. Being around her meant laughter, comfort, and knowing you were never alone! I will miss our conversations, our laughs, the little things we did together, and just being able to sit with her and talk about life.

But even though she isn’t here physically anymore, everything she taught me, every memory we made, and every bit of love she gave me will always stay with me. Mom, thank you for being my best friend, my strength, and the most important person in my life. I will carry you with me in everything I do. I love you more than words could ever explain, and I will miss you every single day.

This isn’t goodbye. It’s just “see you again someday.”

-Love your twin Tonny xoxo



Celebrating through WORSHIP

Friday, March 13, 2026 - 2:00 pm

Deans Chapel Baptist Church

1119 South Junction Street | Muskogee, Oklahoma

Reverend Sir Michael Ragsdale, Pastor – Eulogist

Minister Latricia Gardenhire - Edwards, Mistress of Ceremony



Musical Prelude Mr. Galian Murphy, Musician

The Sacred Introit

Funeral Directors, Participating Clergy and the Family

Tribute in Song Sister Brianna McVay

The Reading of God’s Word

Minister Latricia Gardenhire-Edmond

Old Testament Lesson and New Testament Lesson

The Prayer of Assurance Rev. Michael Ragsdale Sr.

Tribute in Song Brother Karun Hall

The Resolutions and Acknowledgment

Sister LaToya Thompson

Words of Encouragement Minister Latricia Gardenhire-Edmond

Remarks Family and Friends

(please limit remarks to 2 minutes each)

Visual Memories Sister Lori Thompson

Tribute in Song Sister Brianna McVay

The Eulogistic Message Pastor Sir Michael Ragsdale

“Thy Servants Dismissal”

Keith D. Biglow Funeral Directors, Inc.

Recessional



Bearers of the CASKET

Bennie Dean, O'Dell Dean, Jody Dean, Jr., Darrell Farmer, Dorion Martin, Sr., and Clinton Newton, Sr.

Flower ATTENDANTS

Daughters, Nieces, and Cousins

Honorary Pall BEARERS

Thomas Dean, Sr., Thomas Dean, Jr., Tommy Dean, Sr., Tommy Dean, Jr., Keoindray Ragsdale, Jr., Jody Dean, Sr., Jeremy Dean, and Joseph Dean

Acknowledgment

The family of Shirlene E. McBride would like to express their sincere appreciation and thanks for every kind expression of words, support, cards and prayers. Thank each of you from the bottom of our hearts.

Crystal and Tonny and the entire Family

Interment Booker T. Washinton Cemetery
2897 North 32nd Street | Muskogee

Repast will immediately be following the interment
Spaulding Park Scout House
820 Dorchester Avenue | Muskogee



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