



## Mabel Jean Mayes

July 27, 1936 - January 27, 2025

Mabel “Jean” Mayes, a cherished mother, wife, friend of many, and devoted member of her community, passed away peacefully on January 27, 2025, at the age of 88. Born on July 27, 1936, in San Antonio, Texas, Jean was the cherished daughter of Orville and Sylvia Mason. In the heart of San Antonio, she met and fell in love with Wayne Mayes, a love that blossomed into marriage on December 19, 1952. Together they raised five children sharing a life rich in love and commitment.

Jean's journey took her from the warmth of Texas to the hills of Tennessee and later to Cleveland, Ohio, before settling near Tecumseh, Michigan. Her steadfast support was essential as Wayne pursued his calling, planting and nurturing churches throughout their travels. Their devotion to their faith culminated in the founding of Heritage Baptist Church in Bolivar, a testament to their lifelong commitment to faith, community, and service.

Jean was known for her vibrant spirit, characterized by her spunky and sassy personality, and she possessed a wonderful sense of humor that brightened the lives of all who knew her. A passionate gardener, she found joy in cultivating flowers and creating treasured scrapbooks filled with family memories. Jean also had a well-known fondness for ice cream, particularly butter pecan. She always found a way to cherish the simple pleasures of life. Jean is survived by her five children: Wayne Mayes Jr. (Pennie), Jeannie Womack (Lewis), Randy Mayes (Marcy), Doug Mayes (Marlene), and David Mayes (Sheri). She also leaves behind an adoring legacy, including

grandchildren Bobby Mayes, Richard McCreary, Matthew McCreary, Patty McCreary, Andrew Mayes, Luke Mayes, Nathan Mayes, Randi Jo Provance, Makayla Nale, and Heather Strouse, as well as 15 great-grandchildren. She is further survived by her brother Kenneth Mason of the Albuquerque, New Mexico area. Jean is preceded in death by her devoted husband Wayne and nine siblings.

Jean will be lovingly remembered for her strength, warmth, and the joy she brought to those around her. She leaves behind a legacy of faith and love that will continue to be felt by her family and the community she dearly cherished.

Services for Mabel will be held at 3:00 PM Monday, February 3, 2025, at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar. Visitation for Mabel will take place in hour before service starting at 2:00 PM. Burial will take place immediately following the service at Greenwood Cemetery in Bolivar. Memorial donations may be made to the Baptist Homes and Healthcare Ministries <https://give.bhhm.org/checkout/25763> or to the Alzheimer's Association. [https://act.alz.org/site/Donation2?df\\_id=32112&32112.donation=form1](https://act.alz.org/site/Donation2?df_id=32112&32112.donation=form1)

# Cemetery Details

## Greenwood Cemetery

S. Dunnegan Ave.  
Bolivar, MO 65613

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar  
407 E. Broadway  
Bolivar, MO 65613  
(417) 326-5233  
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

FEB 3. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

SA

“ We met Bro. Wayne and Jean in 1996 when Russell Pastored FBC Fair Play. While there, they joined our congregation and shared their enthusiasm to reach the world for Jesus. When Russell became DOM in Dallas County (2000-2021), the Mayes pastored Plad Baptist in our association.

Jean and I worked together in Dallas County Women's Ministries and other events. The Mayes' steadfast faith, zeal despite surroundings or physical handicaps, and uncompromising commitment to sharing Jesus any way they could were inspiring. Russell and Wayne shared a boldness and determination unmatched in today's world.

Bro. Wayne had a special tract he had me make copies of more than once; he never left home without His Armor!

I miss Jean's contagious smile and her perseverance. She never hesitated to say, "Now, Susie, perhaps you should ..." And I loved it. I wanted to hop on here to compliment her children and their families. Truly their parents were honored by the beautiful service today. Thank you!

Susie Adams

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**Susie Kinslow Adams** - February 03, 2025 at 07:19 PM

RM

“ The legacy you leave behind is priceless. Thank you for your love.

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**Robert Mason** - February 03, 2025 at 06:47 PM

JF

“ Janice Rog and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mabel Jean Mayes.

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**Janice Rog and family** - February 02, 2025 at 08:49 PM

JF

“ *Janice Rog and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mabel Jean Mayes.*



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**Janice Rog and family** - February 02, 2025 at 08:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mabel Jean Mayes.*



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February 02, 2025 at 03:59 PM

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“ *Love always purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mabel Jean Mayes.*



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**Love always** - February 02, 2025 at 01:16 PM

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“ *Taylor and Rebecca Hinsman purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mabel Jean Mayes.*



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**Taylor and Rebecca Hinsman** - February 02, 2025 at 11:12 AM

TM

“ I knew her fondly as Aunt Jean. She was a sweet kind, welcoming lady. She loved her family and was a hard-working mother and wife. Her early years in Ohio were not easy, and she always had medical issues with her back. However, her faith in God and love for her family gave her the strength and courage to do her best for them. I remember her beautiful smile and genuine friendliness Her children can definitely call her "Blessed". Sharing your sorrow at this time.  
Teresa (Mayes) Mingle

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**Teresa Mayes Mingle** - February 01, 2025 at 11:38 AM

RM

Thank you so much Teresa. We love being family.  
Randy Mayes

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**randy mayes** - February 03, 2025 at 07:49 PM

KC

“ Sympathy is when one's heart aches for another. Our hearts ache for Jean's family. I had the privilege of being Jean's Sunday School teacher at Glenstone Baptist Church. She was a loving and giving person. A memorial will be given to the church in memory of her.  
Prayers, Karen and Bob Cook

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**Karen Cook** - February 01, 2025 at 11:28 AM

YF

“ Your Neighbors Credit Union Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mabel Jean Mayes.

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**Your Neighbors Credit Union Family** - January 29, 2025 at 04:21 PM

YF

“ *Your Neighbors Credit Union Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mabel Jean Mayes.*



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**Your Neighbors Credit Union Family** - January 29, 2025 at 04:21 PM

DP

“ *Don and Martha Potvin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mabel Jean Mayes.*

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**Don and Martha Potvin** - January 28, 2025 at 07:22 PM

DP

“ *Don and Martha Potvin purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mabel Jean Mayes.*



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**Don and Martha Potvin** - January 28, 2025 at 07:22 PM