



## Shawn Wayne Wheeler

February 4, 1969 - July 1, 2020

Shawn Wayne Wheeler of Muskogee Oklahoma passed away on Wednesday, July 1, 2020. He was 51 years of age and had been struggling with heart issues for the past year. He had open heart surgery in August 2019 and a combo pacemaker defibrillator inserted in April 2020. He was unable to return to work at Frito Lay where he had been for the past 19 years.

He was born February 4, 1969 to Jackie and Elaine Wheeler of Muldrow, Oklahoma. He attended school in Muldrow where he played football and earned a college scholarship to East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma. After a knee injury he transferred to Northeastern State University in Tahlequah where he met his future wife April.

Shawn was an avid deer hunter, loved fishing, and enjoyed OU football. He was even known to participate in a couple of dance recitals with his daughters over the years. Shawn really enjoyed the outdoors, boating, and spending time in nature. He liked riding his four-wheeler around the property and checking on his ducks and feeding the deer. He was a member of the Cherokee Nation tribe.

In 1993 he married April Nicole Arnold of Miami, Oklahoma. They made their home in Muskogee and in 1996 and 2000 they welcomed two beautiful daughters that were the light of his life.

He is preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Marie and Ruhl Moore from Sallisaw, Oklahoma, and paternal grandparents Ava and Thadis Wheeler from Muldrow, Oklahoma.

He is survived by his wife, April of the home; two daughters Jessica Layne Wheeler of the home, and Alexis Dayne Ross and husband Kyle Ross of Wagner, Oklahoma; parents, Jackie and Elaine Wheeler of Muldrow, Oklahoma; in-laws, Ronnie Arnold of Muskogee, Oklahoma, whom he spent a lot of time with; Linda and Al Kimmle of Grove, Oklahoma; special friend, that was like a brother to him, Brian Echols and wife Tammy of Coweta, Oklahoma; two young men that were like bonus sons to him, Kolton Christy of Fort Gibson, Oklahoma and Trey Wesbrooks of Glenpool, Oklahoma. A memorial service will be at Cornerstone Funeral at 1830 N. York St., Muskogee, Oklahoma at 5:00pm Tuesday, July 7, 2020. Family will receive friends 4:00pm-5:00pm Tuesday, July 7, 2020. In lieu of flowers, his family has requested all memorials in memory of Shawn be made to the Wounded Veterans of Oklahoma, which was close to his heart. The link for this is [paypal.me/WoundedVeteransofOK](https://paypal.me/WoundedVeteransofOK) or mail checks to 73125 S 230RD Wagoner OK 74467.

Thank you for all the prayers, food, and support during this difficult time. Funeral services are under the direction of Cornerstone Funeral Home, 1830 North York St, Muskogee, Oklahoma. Condolences may be made to the family online at [www.cornerstoneofmuskogee.com](http://www.cornerstoneofmuskogee.com).

# Previous Events

## Family Visitation

JUL 7. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory  
1830 North York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403  
(918) 682-1500

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Shawn Wayne Wheeler*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you Elaine and Jackie, Our deepest condolences. May God surround you with his strength.*

**Tery Fields Magrini** - July 10, 2020 at 01:11 PM



“ *Although I never met Shawn, I knew him through his dad. We worked together for 30 years and Shawn was the apple of Jackie's eye! You could see the love and pride for him in Jack's face everytime he spoke his name. I am so sorry Jackie and Elaine for your loss.*

**Pam Mcgehee** - July 08, 2020 at 10:14 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Shawn Wayne Wheeler.*



July 06, 2020 at 09:06 AM



“ *So sorry Jackie and Elaine. I remember Shawn when he played football and when he dated my niece Joy.*

**Fern Real** - July 05, 2020 at 11:34 AM

MC

“ Prayers for my precious family! I love you!

Masami Capehart - July 04, 2020 at 05:19 PM

TF

So sorry April we will never forget the memories we all made together we love u. Yall are always in our prayers

Tim & Dianna Fountain - July 06, 2020 at 09:39 PM

JC

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



John Civis - July 04, 2020 at 03:48 PM

JC

“ We were blessed to have known Shawn as a teenager and became best of friends with his parents, Jackie and Elaine. I was fortunate enough to have coached Shawn in High School. Shawn always had a great smile and laugh. Shawn was always dependable, willing and unafraid to step up to any challenge necessary that was beneficial to others. Shawn loved hunting, fishing, outdoors, cars and more than anything, he loved his family and life.

Wishing you peace, comfort and loving memories to hold forever in your heart.

With Love,  
John & Debbie Civis

John Civis - July 04, 2020 at 03:43 PM

LO

*So Sorry to hear about this Prayers for Jackie and Elaine and Family  
Linda Ogdon*

**Linda Ogdon** - July 05, 2020 at 08:39 AM

GK

*So sorry to hear about Shawn. Prayers for comfort and peace in the  
days to cone.*

**Glenda Knight** - July 05, 2020 at 12:06 PM

GM

*So sorry to hear this. Bless your family*

**Glenna Middleton** - July 06, 2020 at 10:51 AM

LH

*Darold Horn & girls will be thinking of you & praying for you!*

**Lanette Horn** - July 06, 2020 at 04:49 PM

IP

*Sorry to hear of your loss. Prayers for your family .*

**Iris Proctor** - July 06, 2020 at 08:35 PM

EO

*Jackie, Elaine and family our thoughts and prayers are with you  
through this time asking God to give you strength, peace &  
understanding as only he can. May all your memories become such  
treasures for you to lean on and cary you through in the days ahead .*

**Eddie & Anna Ogdon** - July 07, 2020 at 05:46 PM

CF

*Shawn was one of my best friends. He lived across the street from me  
when we were young and in school and I have countless memories of  
us hanging out together. I am sadden by this loss and yet so thankful  
that he was part of my life. I knew and loved Jackie and Elaine as well.  
I miss and love you, Shawn!  
Always your friend, Chris Ferguson.*

**Christopher Ferguson** - November 17, 2022 at 12:39 AM