



## Donald Dean McGuire

March 16, 1931 - September 7, 2024

Donald Dean McGuire was born to John Lloyd McGuire and Mabell Ruby Trowbridge McGuire during a blizzard in the early morning hours of March 16, 1931 at the home place in Elkader Township of rural Logan County, Kansas. He was preceded in death by brothers Earl, Clifford, Thomas, Glenn, Leland, Melvin, Cecil, Bill, and Harvey, as well as sisters Patricia Rose, Retha Lemmons, and Velda Cox, and grandson Jeremiah Dickens. Don is survived by beloved sisters Marthanell Turley, Elizabeth McGuire-Salters, and Luellen Ellegood, along with dozens of nieces and nephews.

Don eloped with his sweetheart Joy Mason on August 9, 1951. They were married 62 years before her passing. Children Donna McGuire Dickens Cooper (Robert) and Duane McGuire (Teresa Barnthson) were born to this union. The following generations are grandchildren Mary Elizabeth Dickens Trzebiatowski (Brian), Joshua Dickens (Kristina), Jeremiah Dickens (Jennifer), Jonathan Dickens (Stacey), Joseph Dickens (Amy), Bridget McGuire Hopewell (Duncan) and step-grandchildren Bethany Cooper Cinotto (John), Travis Cooper, and Jared Cooper (Rochelle). There are 16 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren.

Don worked over 40 years for Kansas Department of Transportation before retiring to serve Satanta School District as Activity School Bus Driver for 15 years. He stayed on as bus mechanic and to teach Defensive Driving.

He was a member of the Wesleyan Church, Gideon's Bible Organization, and The Lions Club. He enjoyed restoring and driving antique automobiles. Don will be best remembered for his avocation of singing. He was a song leader, soloist, and quartet member for several years. He also sang for numerous weddings and funerals. During his final years at Celebration Senior Living in Denison, Texas he believed he was there for the purpose of ministering to others with his singing. He led songs for chapel, sang in Memory Care, provided evening entertainment, and serenaded residents with his special birthday song when the occasion arose.

Don joined the heavenly choir on September 7, 2024. Two days earlier during a blessed visit with his sisters, he sang his theme song, "What a Day That Will Be," which concluded each of his musical events, and ultimately the last song he sang on earth.

Don's family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, September 13th at Davis Family Funeral Home – Dewey Chapel, 113 S. Osage Ave., Dewey, OK 74029, 918-534-3030. Come and go visitation will also be held from 10-8 that same day.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, September 14th at Sooner Park Wesleyan Church. Interment will follow at White Rose Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at [www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## White Rose

804 west 11th st  
Bartlesville, OK 74003  
<http://www.cityofbartlesville.org>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 13. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel  
113 S Osage Ave  
Dewey, OK 74029  
(918) 534-3030  
[davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com](mailto:davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com)

## Family and Friends Gathering

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113 S Osage Ave  
Dewey, OK 74029  
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## Funeral Service

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SEP **14**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sooner Park Wesleyan Church  
6200 Baylor Dr.  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
<http://www.spwchurch.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Dean McGuire*



**Davis Family Funeral Home** - September 13, 2024 at 10:27 AM

PD

*What a beautiful tribute to your sweet Daddy Don❤️ I captured on video a portion of him singing to my mom Sue Csmpbell on her 99th bday this year in March.... A precious memory. 🥰🙏  
Blessings to your family.... I see the love ❤️  
Fondly, Pam Key*

**Pam Key (Sue Campbell's daughter)** - September 20, 2024 at 03:04 PM

RD

“ *Ron and Debbie Dickens purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald Dean McGuire.*



**Ron and Debbie Dickens** - September 13, 2024 at 10:56 AM

JM

“ Uncle Don and Uncle Delbert at all McGuire events exchanged jokes about farmers and state employees. They also hid mince meat pies from each other. Uncle Don’s sense of humor and how he related to people including kids was unique. Doing the auction with Uncle Don and Cheyenne will also be a special memory. He had a description for every item.

Jim McGuire - September 13, 2024 at 01:13 AM

LF

“ Larry & Linda McGuire and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Dean McGuire.

Larry & Linda McGuire and Family - September 12, 2024 at 07:39 AM

LF

“ Larry & Linda McGuire and Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Donald Dean McGuire.



Larry & Linda McGuire and Family - September 12, 2024 at 07:39 AM

CF

“ *For Don*  
by Coleen Frazer-Hambrick

*Little mementos remind me of you,  
And the things we three used to do.*

*The places we'd go  
The work we'd do...  
Or at least the work you and John would do.*

*All I did was kill the grass, where I shouldn't have  
But we could always laugh  
At my not-so-little gaffe.*

*Ah, the stories you'd tell,  
And the wisdom as well.*

*Quiet wisdom that's your way,  
And a little joke or quip to make our day.*

*You were there for us as strength and support  
During our breakfast and dinner rapport.*

*Whether mowing the church yard,  
Or sharing the wisdom of your years  
As road maintenance supervisor,  
Strong leadership that much is clear.*

*Southwest Kansas, District 6  
And the laughable moments thrown in the mix.*

*How well I remember  
The quiet reassurance you gave,  
Knowing full well, all words you should save.  
While John had surgery, as you sat by my side,  
Quietly knowing that words I could not abide.*

*A man of God, as anyone can tell,  
Your life was a song of praise  
Telling of God's blessings, when you sang,  
Giving honor to our Eternal King.*

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**Coleen Frazer-Hambrick** - September 12, 2024 at 06:51 AM

GF

“ *Gary Cooper Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Donald Dean McGuire.*



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**Gary Cooper Family** - September 10, 2024 at 07:42 PM