



Elizabeth Chronos

December 4, 1947 - January 21, 2026

Elizabeth Chronos, J.D., 78, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, passed away peacefully on January 21, 2026. She was born on December 4, 1947, in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, to Evangeline Papafrangos Chronos and William Chronos.

Elizabeth graduated from Okmulgee High School in 1966, where she was Head Cheerleader and was named Homecoming Queen. She went on to graduate summa cum laude from the University of Texas at Austin in 1970 and was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society.

She began her professional career as a legal book editor with Lawyers Cooperative Publishing Company in Rochester, New York, before dedicating herself to raising her son and daughter. Elizabeth later returned to her lifelong calling in the law, earning her Juris Doctor from the University of Tulsa College of Law in 1997. While in law school, she served as President of the Women's Law Caucus and received American Jurisprudence Awards in Intellectual Property, Criminal Law, Native American Law and International Law.

Never one to retire, Elizabeth practiced law in Tulsa for nearly 30 years. She was widely respected within the Tulsa legal community for her exceptional professionalism, integrity, and tireless advocacy. Her work helped children find safety and brought justice to others during their most difficult moments. She cared deeply for her clients and was honored with the Award for Outstanding

Pro Bono Service by Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma.

Elizabeth touched all who knew her with her compassion, generosity, and unwavering love. She was one of the most caring and selfless human beings, always putting others before herself. She is survived by her son, William Vautrain (Bridget); her daughter, Abigail Vautrain; her beloved grandchildren, Antonia, Bowie, and Mariam; and many extended family members and friends who will carry her love forward. She was preceded in death by her parents and by her sister, Anita Chronos Chandler.

A funeral service celebrating Elizabeth's life will be held Friday, February 6th at 1 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, 501 S. Cincinnati Ave., Tulsa. Memorial gifts may be made in the form of flowers to Trinity Episcopal Church, or charitable donations may be made in her memory to Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma (<https://legalaidok.org>) or Domestic Violence Intervention Services (<https://dvis.org>).

Arrangements have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on Elizabeth's Tribute Page of our website. www.mcclendon-winters.com

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 6. 1:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Episcopal Church
501 S. Cincinnati Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74103

Tribute Wall

TB

“ Elizabeth was a beautiful friend of the extended Borders family and most particularly my mom and dad. We miss her enduring kindness, laugh and sparkling smile.



Tracy Borders - February 05 at 01:41 PM

GS

“ Elizabeth was an office mate for the last five years before her passing. She was the most lovely, kind human being and I was often inspired by her grit and determination to pursue a path defending those who could not defend themselves. Truly the world is a bit smaller without her presence.

Gina Carrigan St.Clair - February 01 at 02:49 PM

DM

“ Remember her from bishop's restaurant as a tot. Thought she looked important. Prayers and rip.



David miller - January 31 at 08:18 PM

KT

“ Elizabeth was one of the best friends I ever had. I had the pleasure of working with her for a few years. She was like a second mom to me. She even married my husband and I. It was an ongoing joke that she could marry or divorce you. She was such a giving person. I could go on and on. She is already missed so much.

Kelli Turner - January 30 at 09:12 AM

CS

“ Elizabeth, was a wonderful attorney. She was a caring kind person and was respected by everyone. I will never forget how she fought for our case and won. I will miss Elizabeth and her caring spirit. Only kind words could ever be spoken about her. Elizabeth will always be in my heart.

connie smith - January 28 at 11:23 AM