



McKinley McGirt

December 13, 2007 - January 14, 2025

McKinley Ray McGirt bravely fought cancer with remarkable strength and courage, but sadly lost her battle on January 14, 2025, at the tender age of 17. She was born on December 13, 2007, to Journey (Hagy) Callaway and raised by Jerry Adams. McKinley was a vibrant spirit known for her determination, drive to succeed and her smile.

A student at Morris High School, McKinley was not only the Junior Class President but also a remarkable leader who single-handedly sold \$5,000 worth of peanuts to help the Junior class fund, showcasing her dedication and commitment to her peers.

An academic standout, McKinley was a proud member of the Morris Academic Team, specializing in history, and was a member in both the Morris National Honor Society and the OSU-IT Honor Society. Her excellence in academics earned her two back-to-back OSSAA State Championships along with numerous other individual accolades. Beyond academics, McKinley excelled on the softball field as a catcher for the Lady Eagles and participated in several competitive travel teams. She also played golf, demonstrating her multifaceted talents.

McKinley was an active youth member at First Baptist Church and dedicated many hours volunteering for various causes, including HOBY and the Elk's Lodge.

She is preceded in death by her brother Hayden Callaway, grandparents, David and Wanda Adams and her Papa Floyd Waters. She is survived by her mother Journey and her father Jerry Adams, her sister Cheyenne Callaway and husband Brandon Ertel, her nephew Emmitt Ertel, uncle J.D. Hagy, her grandfather, Devon Hagy of Okmulgee, grandmother Mary Hagy of West Virginia and great grand mother Esther Hayden.

Funeral services will be 1:00 PM Monday, January 20, 2024 at the Don Shoemake Sports Complex with Pastor Robby Bowen and Mr. Matt Hardin officiating. Casket bearers will be Rodney Luellen, Perry Sebring, Cole Bailey, David Merrill, Bruce Force and Chebon Wilson. Jeremy Avery, Ian Merrill, Colton Criner, Keaton Harjo and Tyler Dean will service

as honorary casket bearers.

Viewing and visitation is from 1 PM to 7 PM, Sunday, January 19, 2025 at the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel in Okmulgee. In lieu of flowers, McKinley would be proud and honored for donations to go to her Morris Academic Team fund. Please mail donations to Morris Public Schools, Attention Mr. Jeremy Avery, 307 South 6th Street., Morris OK, 74445 or donations can be sent in care of the funeral home.

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

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN **19**. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - Okmulgee

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Okmulgee, OK 74447

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Funeral Service

JAN **20**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Don Shoemake Sports Complex

307 S. 6th Street

Morris, OK 74445

Tribute Wall



“ McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of McKinley McGirt



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - January 17, 2025 at 05:38 PM

DH

To love you was to know you. You were always so special to your PaPaw and me. You will be missed but RIP Baby girl!!! Love you always. Debbie

Deborah Hagy - January 19, 2025 at 07:43 AM

DM

“ *It's almost been a month since you left and I still think about you everyday. Mckinley and I became very good friends through academic team. With love from the Silo Academic Team.*



Denver McBride - February 12, 2025 at 11:29 PM

KB

“ *My deepest condolences to the family. My prayers are with you.*

Kathy Blake - January 24, 2025 at 11:31 PM

DH

“ *Sending my condolences to Journey and Jerry, you both was good parents and I was always proud of you both with job well done!!! My heartbreaks for you,... you will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

Deborah Hagy - January 20, 2025 at 07:42 PM



“ Lisa Skiles lit a candle in memory of McKinley McGirt



Lisa Skiles - January 18, 2025 at 08:07 PM



“ 166 files added to the album Life Tributes



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - January 17, 2025 at 05:34 PM



“ You accomplished so much in your life. You are such a shining example . Rip we will always remember you.



Peggy Fisher - January 17, 2025 at 04:52 PM



“ David Miller lit a candle in memory of McKinley McGirt



David Miller - January 17, 2025 at 04:40 PM



“ Angie Hightower-Beasley lit a candle in memory of McKinley McGirt



Angie Hightower-Beasley - January 17, 2025 at 12:39 PM

CW

“ Crystal Ward lit a candle in memory of McKinley McGirt



Crystal Ward - January 17, 2025 at 12:19 PM

JS

“ Jamie Salinas lit a candle in memory of McKinley McGirt



Jamie Salinas - January 17, 2025 at 11:24 AM

MH

“ McKinley was a Special young lady with a glowing spirit. It's not often that a family member bestows the honor of making the best green beans however, McKinley honored me. For Years I made green beans for the family Thanksgiving meal. McKinley love them from a small age. Of course, I told her my secrets of preparation. I also reminded her to take home any leftovers as she gladly did. Journey said she tried to make them like Uncle Mike. She always said they were good but not like Uncle Mike's. I believe they were better. McKinley never attempted anything without adding her magic touch. Heaven has gained a brilliant Angel. I'm certain If God needs some green beans, she will get the nod.

Mike Hagy - January 16, 2025 at 08:49 PM

TH

“ The Yukon High School Academic Team wants to express our love and appreciation for McKinley and the Morris community. Additionally, my mother, Ginny, her nurse, loved her very much.

Ty Haisten - January 16, 2025 at 06:27 PM

JP

“ Joe & Susan Pasternak lit a candle in memory of McKinley McGirt



Joe & Susan Pasternak - January 16, 2025 at 05:33 PM

SB

“ My beautiful cousin with the big eyes as a baby i knew would do amazing and great things . But life was to short for her now let God and her loved ones have her amazing brilliant mind and soul .



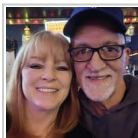
Shelbee Bohuslavicky - January 16, 2025 at 03:55 PM

JA

“ Janet Aylestock lit a candle in memory of McKinley McGirt



Janet Aylestock - January 16, 2025 at 01:50 PM



“ Susan Cooper lit a candle in memory of McKinley McGirt



Susan Cooper - January 16, 2025 at 01:22 PM

DH

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Deborah Hagy - January 16, 2025 at 09:23 AM

DH

I love Mickey, Journey I am sorry. I love all of you. And your in my prayers

Deborah Hagy - January 16, 2025 at 09:26 AM



I am so sorry for the passing of McKinley. She brightened many days for this teacher. What a beautiful soul. I will miss her so much. Praying for you, Journey, and your entire family, McKinley's friends, and the Morris Public Schools family.

Daryl Sellers - January 16, 2025 at 11:39 AM