



Stephanie Lynn Merz

August 9, 1968 - April 5, 2020

A private family service for Stephanie Merz, 51 will be held this week. Celebration of Life service will be at a later date. Cremation arrangements are by Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home and Crematory.

Stephanie was born on August 9, 1968 in Oklahoma City to Gary and Becky Roebuck and died April 5, 2020 at her home with her family by her side.

She was a reading interventionist at Coolidge Elementary and a member of the First Baptist Church, Enid. On July 20, 1991, Stephanie married John Merz and they made their home in Enid.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Ralph and Betty Smith, Wanda and Hugh Holly, Aunt, Kim Banfield.

Stephanie is survived by her husband, John; daughters, Cara and husband, Nick Stowers and Audrey Merz; granddaughter, Jane Stowers; parents, Gary and Becky Roebuck; in-laws, Jay and Carol Merz; Sisters and husbands, Amy and Richard Keele and Holly and Chuck Roberts; sisters-in-law, Dana Merz and Susan and husband, Vic Dean; other relatives and many friends.

Memorials may be made through Anderson-Burriss to First Baptist Church or

Coolidge Elementary.

Tribute Wall

MH

“ I was in classes with Stephanie in college. Did not know of her passing till today.

Mark Hazel - February 12, 2025 at 02:23 PM

TO

“ She was nice, quiet, reserved. In a roomful of 100 kids, you might not notice her first, unless you were a quiet, architect to be. But Stephanie and her beloved architect taught me something. Great churches go forward on the backs, finances, and relationships of people who are salt of the earth. Salt is good, quiet, and enhances the other flavors in the dish. Salt does not advertise, but if it is missing, everyone knows on first taste. Salt vanished in water, dishes, in our body, but without it, we will all die.

Stephanie was one of the first people God used to show me His power in the quiet ones. His grace in the smiling through the tears people. His love in the people that cannot give up on who and what they love.

John, we love you. Pray for you. If you ever want to come to Colorado for a barn/guest house project I can tell you the person to whom I gave your turned wood lamp, and how it is lighting others lives today.

So sorry to be so late in getting this to you. I should be on the road today, but life is taking a day for delay of game.

Tom - June 02, 2020 at 12:02 PM

RL

“ John, I, like so many others who knew your lovely family, was beyond saddened to learn of Stephanie's passing. What a great loss for you and your children but what great memories. Know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May your grief be tempered with the assurance that she is safe and well in her Father's ever loving arms. Randy Long

Randy Long - April 22, 2020 at 11:47 AM

KK

“ Stephanie and John were tried and true. We could always count on them whenever we needed them in the s Preschool department at FBC. She was amazingly talented in working with young children and helping with VBS every year not to mention MOPS too back in the day. Rest in Jesus-- "well done my good and faithful servant."

Kristin Koehn - April 16, 2020 at 08:31 PM

NK

“ We are thinking of your family and praying God's comfort for you all. He is our strength. Stephanie was a faithful servant of the Lord, and she is now receiving her reward. Jesus said to the believing thief on the cross, "Today you will be with me in Paradise." --Nancy Koehn & family

Nancy Koehn - April 12, 2020 at 06:15 PM

MC

“ So sorry to read in the paper of Stephanie's death. Obviously, I didn't know her well, but do feel that I know Jay, Carol and John well enough to send condolences, especially during this time when group meetings are not allowed. I pray God's peace and comfort upon you and all the family. Blessings upon each of you. Martha Counce

Martha Counce - April 10, 2020 at 11:50 AM

DB

“ John, I am very sorry to hear of your loss. On behalf of all of us with the NWOBI board, please let us know if you or your family need anything. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. - Dustin

Dustin Baylor - April 10, 2020 at 09:25 AM

DC

“ Our sincere condolence for the loss of your beautiful wife and mother taken from this life too soon. Blessings
Dave and Kelly Callant

Dave J Callant - April 09, 2020 at 05:55 PM

HV

“ John, I am so sorry to hear of Stephanie 's passing. I have the most wonderful memories of my time being part of the whole Merz family and I find it very surreal to hear she's no longer among us. We had some wonderful times and I still think back about Eureka Springs and the "skunk incident" with a big smile. (Just to mention a view memories). My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family in this difficult time.

Hilde Veerman - April 09, 2020 at 04:27 PM

DF

“ My sincere prayers go out to Stephanie's family during this very difficult time of loss. Stephanie will be greatly missed by our entire EPS family.
Dr. Darrell Floyd, EPS Superintendent

Dr. Darrell Floyd - April 09, 2020 at 10:01 AM

BN

“ John we are so sorry about Stephanie.
You and your family are in our prayers.

Buddy and Jan Nicholas - April 08, 2020 at 05:57 PM

TH

“ John,
So sorry for your loss of Stephanie. Our thoughts and prayers are
with you and your family.
Tim & Earla Haggard, Scott Haggard

Tim Haggard - April 08, 2020 at 02:13 PM

DP

“ John, so sorry to hear of Stephanie's passing. You and your family
are in my prayers.
Donna R. Patocka

Donna R. Patocka - April 08, 2020 at 11:25 AM

JM

“ John, You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May God
Bless and Keep you as you cherish the memories of your sweet
Stephanie. She was a wonderful, kind, giving and loving person.
She will be missed by all who knew her. Extending my Heartfelt
Sympathy to you and your family.

With Love and Prayers
Joan Van Meter

Joan Meter - April 07, 2020 at 04:28 PM

BB

“ Forever I will remember the image of Stephanie and John walking past our house over the years on their long evening walks, and they always were holding hands. Their love for each other was very clear, and I wish to extend condolences and prayers for all of your family over the loss of your beloved Stephanie. Sincerely, Bill Buvinger

Bill Buvinger - April 07, 2020 at 12:02 PM

MS

“ Working with Stephanie in our church preschool Sunday School department, it was obvious she loved the little ones just as Jesus loved little children. She will be sorely missed. My deepest sympathies to John and the Merz family. Praying for you.

Marilyn Spencer

Marilyn Spencer - April 07, 2020 at 11:05 AM

JT

“ This beautiful woman knew the importance of having a God centered life and her love for her family was so evident. The following is a snippet of an email she sent to me last October....

"I appreciate your prayers and am confident that God is in control of this because He knew all my days before one of them came to be! He has the plan and I would be crazy not to want to be part of it" -

What a wonderful testimony. She knew exactly where she was headed and I know she was greeted by our Father with open arms.

Jenn Turinetti - April 07, 2020 at 09:17 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Stephanie Lynn Merz.*



April 06, 2020 at 08:30 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Stephanie Lynn Merz.*



April 06, 2020 at 03:42 PM



“ *I always enjoyed working with Stephanie in the nursery and Sunday School departments at FBC years ago. She was a faithful servant, loved the children and loved her church. I am so sorry for your loss Merz family! Cathy Telinde*

Cathy Telinde - April 06, 2020 at 02:25 PM



“ *I am so very grateful for how God used Stephanie in my life. She led every Beth Moore Bible Study that I did in our church years ago and I look back at those times with great respect and thankfulness for her leadership. Sisters in Christ Forever!*

Tamara White

Tamara White - April 06, 2020 at 01:52 PM



“ *Cheeseboard Complete was purchased for the family of Stephanie Lynn Merz.*



April 06, 2020 at 12:34 PM



“ *What joy lit Stephanie’s face as she attended First Baptist Church with her family surrounding her and her baby grandchild in her arms. Now she is in total joy and peace with Jesus. Praying for John and those she left behind.*

Patricia Benham

Patricia Benham - April 06, 2020 at 10:37 AM



“ *Stephanie meant the world to Enid Public Schools and especially Coolidge Elementary School. She was a member of our intervention team at Coolidge. She worked tirelessly collaborating with classroom teachers and her team. Her main focus was helping children who had difficulty with Reading. She worked with small groups of children focusing on helping them become better readers. She rarely ever missed a day of school as she was so dedicated to her work and the children at Coolidge. She will be greatly missed by the staff and students of Coolidge Elementary. We love you Mrs. Merz!*



*Sherri Hendrie
principal, Coolidge Elementary*

Sherri L Hendrie - April 06, 2020 at 09:54 AM

VT

“ I worked closely with Stephanie for several years at Coolidge. She was so intelligent and offered guidance and assistance willingly. She truly possessed a servant-heart. I admired her spirit and how she never complained through any adversity. What a role model for all of us!

Virginia Tines - April 06, 2020 at 09:53 AM

CG

“ Stephanie was so dedicated to her work here at Coolidge. She was always up-beat and positive and never missing a day unless it was for treatment. She will be greatly missed by all of the Coolidge Colts.

Prayers for the family
Cindy Goodwin

Cindy Goodwin - April 06, 2020 at 09:45 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Stephanie Lynn Merz.



April 05, 2020 at 08:41 PM

TE

“ Stephani was a lovely woman of God. I served with her in Awanas and nursery duties. She had a heart for the children! She was an example to us all!

Praying for you all at this time.
Dean and Terry Pitchford

Terry - April 05, 2020 at 08:23 PM

TF

“ *The Qvist & Humphries Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Stephanie Lynn Merz.*



The Qvist & Humphries Family - April 05, 2020 at 07:09 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephanie Lynn Merz.*



April 05, 2020 at 06:41 PM