



## Elizabeth Annette Lunsford

April 14, 1959 - December 28, 2024

Elizabeth Annette Lunsford, of Sulphur, Oklahoma, was born April 14, 1959 in Pauls Valley, to Kenneth Qualls & Odell Qualls (Boles), of Byars, Oklahoma. She peacefully entered the world of the living, in her home in Sulphur at the age of 65.

She grew up in Byars surrounded by a large loving family, attending Byars Elementary and graduating from Stratford High School where she excelled in basketball and track. While in high school, she met Steve Lunsford and in June

22, 1977, she married him. During their 19 years of marriage, they raised three sons — becoming a mother, was a dream come true.

She then became a mother to many, when she started her daycare in May of 1982. This was her dream job. Mad-dashes in the mini-van to get everyone to school on time, preparing meals and snacks, baby bottles, changing dirty diapers, helping with homework, reporting to parents about “who bite who” and

“oh yeah, your child may have lice”— it was never too much for her. She loved them all so much and was devastated when she had to give it up after twenty years due to a major stroke in 2002.

After a long stay in the hospital and many physical therapy sessions, Annette began a new path. The left side of her body was now weak and even though

she had to wheel around her text books in a roller bag from class to class, she graduated from East Central University in spring of 2009 with a Bachelor of Arts

in criminal justice/juvenile justice.

She briefly worked as a youth care worker at the Ada Youth Shelter before being

hired to the State of Oklahoma, Department of Human Services - Developmental

Disabilities Services Division as a Case Manager in 2013. The opportunity to work with disabled and developmentally challenged children and adults was yet

again, another perfect job for Annette. Her empathy for others and love for all, quickly made her a favorite of all of her clients. She was full of joy when talking

about them. "God brought them to me," she would say. Eleven years later in August of 2023, she retired.

Family was so special to Annette. Gathering with her siblings, visiting with her Mom and Dad, quality time with her boys, listening to her sister Shelly and her son Damon sing, sleepovers with her grandchildren and attending their sporting

events, brought her so much joy.

The majority of her life was spent in Stratford and in June of 2020, she moved to

Sulphur to be closer to her grandchildren.

Annette was an exceptional mother that cared for and nurtured her boys. She was a proud and protective mother and she is a mother that will be missed by her boys, terribly.

Preceded by; her father Kenneth Qualls, brother Randy Qualls, dear friend Vianna McNair, and a special girl that stole her heart, Cassie Wood.

Survived by her mother; Odell Qualls, of Byars.

3 sons; Kenneth Lunsford, of Chicago, Brad Lunsford & wife Brittany, of

Sulphur, Damon Lunsford & wife Robyn, of Roff.

4 grandchildren; Konner Lunsford, Briley Miner, Brazlyn Lunsford, Vaida Lunsford

2 sisters; Shelly Phelps & husband Jeff Holmes, of Oklahoma City,  
Denise O'Neal & husband Mark, of Owasso, Ok

Sister-in-law; Anita Qualls, of Vanoss

4 brothers; Mark Qualls & wife Carol, of Prague, Oklahoma, John Qualls &  
wife Georgia, of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, James Qualls & wife Mary, of  
Stratford, Oklahoma, and David Qualls, of Byars, Oklahoma.

Pallbearers will be; Jarron Qualls, Kyle Qualls, John Qualls, Dalen Qualls,  
Caleb O'Neal, Konner Lunsford.

Visitation will be ; 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM Sunday January 5, 2025 in  
DeArman/Pickard Chapel Stratford, Oklahoma.

Services; will be 2:00 PM Monday January 6, 2025 in True Life Church south  
of Stratford on highway 177. Officiating; Matthew Brown. Burial will follow in  
Byars Cemetery, Byars, Oklahoma.

# Tribute Wall

SG

“ It's been amazing all these years, knowing no matter what was going on in life, I could always count on your smile and kindness to brighten even the darkest days. We went through some dark day and some beautiful days together. Ever a true friend!!! You will be remembered and missed beyond measure for all who loved you. You are free my friend, without pain, and forever looking over the ones you hold dear. You keep them smiling in heaven, as I know you will.

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**Sandy Gomez** - January 07, 2025 at 07:40 AM

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“ As mothers of boys, we shared similar experiences. I enjoyed being a teacher to Kenneth, he was a perfect student. We had great visits. You raised wonderful sons. It was always a joy to see you. Condolences to your family.

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**Patricia Marlow** - January 06, 2025 at 10:38 AM

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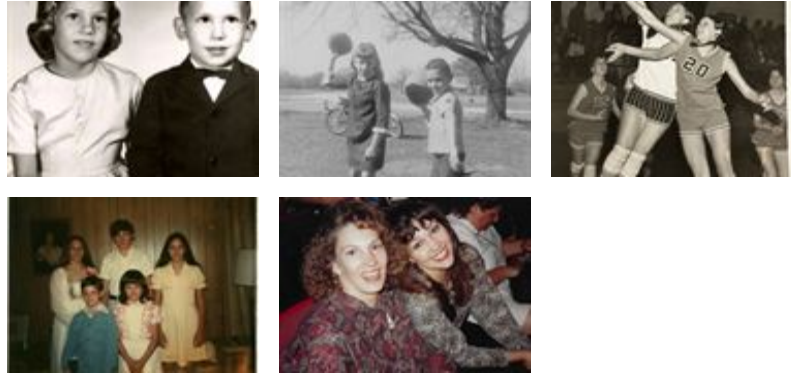


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**Kenneth** - January 03, 2025 at 02:05 PM



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DeArman Funeral Home - January 03, 2025 at 02:04 PM

SB

Love you my beautiful cuz and I will miss you dearly.💔💔💔

Sheila Barton - January 05, 2025 at 01:47 PM

JM

“ My deepest condolences & prayers for Annette’s family & all that knew her. She will be greatly missed for as long as she is remembered.



Juanita Matthews - January 02, 2025 at 08:05 PM

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Rhacheal - January 02, 2025 at 06:43 PM

RH

“ Annette was the most amazing person we ever meet . Her my son Keyln had such a special friendship he would mow her yard for her , help with anything she would let him help her with. She would come over next door hang out and eat and drink with us she quickly became apart of our family !!!!

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**Rhacheal** - January 02, 2025 at 06:27 PM

RF

*She was a wonderful person and my 3 boys first babysitter. She will be greatly missed. Praying for her family and friends. GOD BLESS YOU.*

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**Ruth Stilwell & Family** - January 03, 2025 at 02:30 AM

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“ Annette was the best, sweetest, bravest, most gritty and determined lady. She was a marvelous mother, sister, aunt and 2nd mama to many.... Prayers for all the Qualls and Lusford family

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**Beth Little** - January 02, 2025 at 05:35 PM