



Lucinda Faye Leader

October 22, 1969 - October 25, 2024

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Lucinda Faye Leader, who left us on Friday, October 25, 2024. She was born on October 22, 1969 to Wendell and Toni (Miller) Leader, and raised in Tishomingo, Oklahoma, Lucinda graduated from Tishomingo High School in 1987 and later earned her degree from Murray State College in 2003. Her passion for sports was evident throughout her life; she excelled in basketball, softball, and track, creating lasting memories both on and off the field with her teammates and friends.

Lucinda dedicated many years of her career to serving the Chickasaw Nation, working in various departments including facility services, the eye clinic, and the CNMC Café. Her commitment to her work and community reflected her caring nature and desire to make a positive impact on those around her. Outside of her professional life, Lucinda enjoyed a variety of hobbies, including woodworking, gardening, sewing, baking, and painting. She was especially known for her incredible cinnamon rolls, peanut butter cookies, and an array of special treats that delighted family and friends. The highlight of her life, she often said, was watching her children grow and witnessing them build families of their own, a joy that filled her heart with pride.

Lucinda also imparted invaluable life lessons to those around her, teaching the importance of being selfless, forgiving, having faith, and giving with a loving heart. Her wisdom and compassion left a lasting impression on her

family and friends.

Lucinda was preceded in death by her father, Wendell Leader; former spouse, Lamont BigHair; grandparents, Benjamin and Lillian Miller; uncle, Bobby Miller; aunt, Sharon Wilson.

Those she leaves to cherish her memories are her mother, Toni (Miller) Leader; son, Justin McWilliams and wife Victoria, and daughters, Sasha Riddle and husband Ross, Nika BigHair and husband Jess Roberts, and Olivia McWilliams; sister, Tajuana Johnson and husband Dennis, and Connie Leader; grandchildren, Teagan BigHair, Eastin Roberts, Chloe McWilliams, Aubrey McWilliams, Delaney McWilliams, Brayden Green, and Austin and Desmond Riddle.

Known for her warm spirit and infectious laughter, Lucinda touched the lives of everyone she met. She was a beacon of support and encouragement, always putting others before herself. Her legacy of love and kindness will forever remain in the hearts of her family and friends. She will be deeply missed, but her spirit will live on through the lives she touched.

Services to honor and celebrate the life of Lucinda Faye Leader will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at DeArman-Clark Funeral Home in Tishomingo with Pastor Allen Beck to officiate. Those serving as pallbearers will be Bryan Samis, Alex Walton, George Reid, Jess Roberts, Ross Riddle and Paul Wilson, Jr.

Arrangements were made under the direction and care of DeArman-Clark Funeral Home. Friends and family may leave online condolences on our website at www.dearmanfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JC

“ *Jesse Catron lit a candle in memory of Lucinda Faye Leader*



Jesse Catron - December 22, 2024 at 02:20 AM

JC

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Jesse Catron - December 22, 2024 at 02:19 AM

LC

“ *I am so sorry for your loss, my deepest condolences to you and your family. I enjoyed working with Cindy. Our Thoughts and Prayers will be with you. Lahoma Gayle (Shields) Clark*



Lahoma Gayle (Shields) Clark - November 05, 2024 at 05:32 PM

LH

“ My deepest condolences to you Sasha, Nika, her mother Toni, and the rest of the family. Cindy was one of the best sister-in-law, I know my brother greeted her at the gates of Heaven, they are together and happy once again. I love you my girls, my hearts hurt for you all, my thoughts and prayers for my two nieces and their families, may Gods peace be with you all!

Lauren Big Hair - October 29, 2024 at 03:09 PM

AG

“ Praying for comfort and peace for the family.

Angela Gambel - October 29, 2024 at 03:00 PM

NS

“ My condolences to Toni and all of Lucinda's family.
May the comfort of our Father in Heaven surround you.

Nancy Spencer - October 29, 2024 at 11:01 AM

CH

“ I worked with Lucinda's mother Toni and aunt Sharon many years ago at Johnston Memorial Hospital. My condolences to Toni on the loss of her beautiful daughter. I know how proud Toni was of her daughter. May God comfort you all.

Carolyn (Duty) Houser - October 29, 2024 at 10:17 AM