



Terry R. Ward

June 21, 1969 - May 29, 2024

Terry Renae Ward, 54, of Morris, OK, left this earth on May 29, 2024, in Okmulgee, OK.

Terry was born in Muskogee, OK on June 21, 1969, to Johnny Ward and Colene Crum Allen, who was the center of their universe. Growing up, Terry loved to play sports, basketball, volleyball, softball, and cheerleading. Terry was a free spirit, who loved her family and friends. Terry attended Braggs School before obtaining her nursing degree from Oklahoma State University. Terry had a passion for helping people, caring for those who were unable to care for themselves and spent most of her working career in a caregiver role.

Terry will always be remembered for her smile and laughter, and the way that she was always up for a good time. Terry was always willing to take that dare. Her memory will live on in the hearts of all those who loved her.

Terry was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Arlie and Emma Crum, paternal grandparents, George and Louise Ward, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Terry is survived by sons, Kyle Wright of Okmulgee, OK, Noah Ward of Mounds, OK, and Lucas Hansen of Morris, OK, mother, Colene Crum Allen (Randy Allen) of Okmulgee, OK, father, Johnny Ward (Opal Ward) of Braggs, OK, brother, Johnny Bryan Ward (Clay Finck) of Sand Springs, OK, sister, Crystal Ward of Morris, OK, numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews,

cousins, and friends.

A viewing will be held Sunday, June 2, 2024, 2:00-4:00pm, at McClendon-Winters Funeral Home, 303 E. Seventh, Okmulgee, OK 74447, and a memorial service is Monday, June 3, 2024, at 3:00pm, at Muskogee Church of Christ, 3206 N. York Street, Muskogee OK 74403.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 2. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel
303 E. 7th Street
Okmulgee, OK

Funeral Service

JUN 3. 3:00 PM (CT)

Muskogee Church of Christ
3206 N. York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall



“ McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Terry R. Ward



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - June 01, 2024 at 05:21 PM

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“ Sending many thoughts and prayers ~~

Quinton and Fran Barker

Fran Barker - June 21, 2024 at 05:17 PM

LM

“ My condolences to all family members. May the good lord comfort you all in your time of need.

Linda Manns



Linda Manns - June 05, 2024 at 09:30 AM

“ *Delivered by Rev. Jason Crum at Terry's Memorial Service:*

Terry was a free-spirited, fun-loving, often complicated, and complex person. She came into this world and was immediately the center of her parents and grandparent's lives. Terry was always ready for fun and if you weren't along for the ride, she either pulled you along or left you where you stood. Growing up Terry spent a lot of time with her friends from playing basketball, softball, volleyball, and cheerleading. It did not matter if you were male or female, you were likely hanging with Terry at her family home. I am told that many of those friends are here today to say goodbye to their friend. Terry had no problems making friends, and if you were one of those friends, she was fiercely loyal to you. There was not a thing Terry would not do for you, good, bad, or indifferent. This was just her way.

Terry graduated High School from Braggs and not too long after that married Dean Wright and welcomed a baby boy, Kyle Dean Wright. After her divorce, Terry and Kyle moved to Myrtle Beach, SC to live with her brother, Bryan Ward. During this time Terry would venture into the world of being a flight attendant. Can you all imagine that flight? I am sure it was filled with fun times and lots of laughter. Terry loved Myrtle Beach so much that she requested of her son, Kyle, to spread her ashes in Myrtle Beach.

Terry and Kyle came back to Oklahoma, and she met and married, Kevin McFarland, and they welcomed baby boy, Noah Bryan Blake Ward. After their divorce, Terry would later go on to pick up her education at Connors State College, Northeastern State University and finally finish with her bachelor's in nursing from Oklahoma State University. Although she would never work as a nurse in a formal setting, Terry maintained a caregiver position most of working career.

Terry met Josh Hansen and they would welcome her third baby boy, Lucas Joshua Hansen. This would take her all the way to

Milwaukee, WI, but she would soon find her way back to Oklahoma. There is something to be said about being an Okie from Muskogee. Terry worked hard to make sure that her boys were taken care of, and she did not do that without the help of family and friends surrounding her.

I have read some of your postings on Facebook that Terry was "one-of-kind", and "a force of nature." And she was. She was all of that and much more. Terry loved each of you in her own way, sometimes fiercely and loyal, and sometimes from afar. If you are here, chances are she loved you or you are supporting someone she loved. She loved her nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews as if they were her own, I am sure there are friends out there whose children she loved like her own. That was Terry.

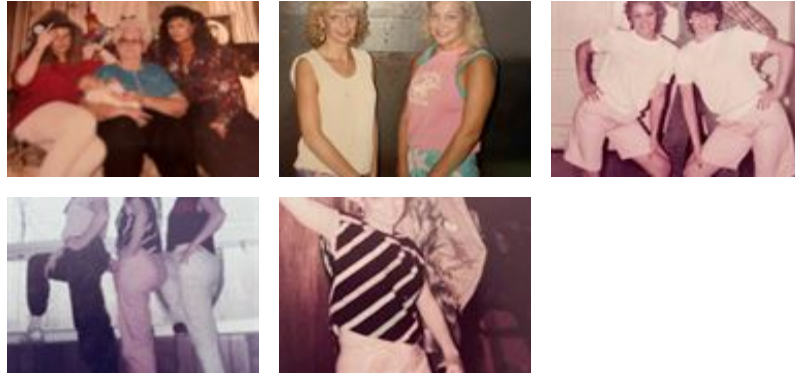
Terry passed from this world suddenly from a heart attack. Terry and the family wanted to take this opportunity to say that May was Mental Health Awareness Month. It is time to remove the stigma around mental health and to bring to conversation forward so that others will not have to suffer in silence and insolation. Thank you for coming today and honoring Terry. She would be so happy to see you all and is looking down on each of you with a smile.

Authored by your brother - Johnny Bryan Ward

Johnny Bryan Ward - June 04, 2024 at 05:01 PM



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McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - June 02, 2024 at 11:24 AM

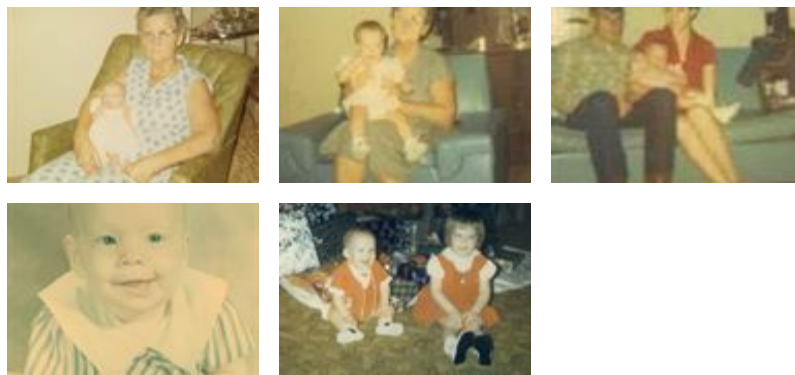
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“ Colene, I am so very sorry to hear about Terry, I know you are hurting and I wish I could take your hurt away. Bless you. and thanks for helping me educate those kids at Braggs.. I'm past 100 years old now and sorry that I can't be there to support you. My daughter, Lana, informed me about Terry. I love you and your family.
Raymond D. Sewell

Raymond D. Sewell - June 01, 2024 at 10:06 PM



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McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - June 01, 2024 at 01:17 PM

LP

“ My dear sister-in-law what can I say? Even though our families were torn apart we stayed in contact on a deep friendship level. I honestly don't know what to say to Kyle. I know he's heartbroken as I am as well. This was such a shock and it hit me really hard. I will forever watch over my nephews, Kyle, Noah, and Lucas. They all cherished you and now you are their angel. Thank you for being so supportive on all my life struggles, as I was there for you as well. I will forever remember our road trip to Oklahoma in October 2019. Even though we struggled to get to where we needed to be we had an experience that I will forever remember. I will miss you forever. You had a personality that nobody will ever forget. You lit up a room when you walked in. And I loved how you always had an opinion about everything. I love you Terry and I'm sorry I can't make it to the funeral because Lord knows I want to be there. I can't wait to speak to Kyle I know he's unable to go and this is going to be the hardest thing he's ever gonna have to go through. Fly high and now you'll be resting in Paradise. ❤️

Lisa Pipp - June 01, 2024 at 11:56 AM

CC

“ I only met Terry a couple of times at the Crum Family reunions, but I instantly felt a connection with her. Yes we are cousins , but it was more than that. She was so sweet and down to earth. And I discovered quickly that like myself she liked to laugh and have fun. I'm so saddened by her passing. I will always remember her fondly. My deepest sympathy and my prayers go out to her family.

Charles Luke Crum - May 31, 2024 at 10:13 PM

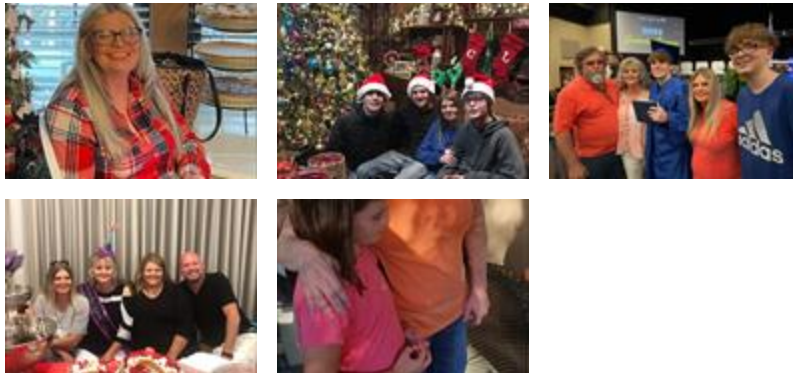
CP

“ *That famous eye roll... Your huge heart. It was that sas girl... never ending sass. All the kids you took in, raising your boys. You were so kind hearted. You always had my back. I hope I always had yours. My greatest memories would be school and our time raising our babies. So much crazy times. Running for our lives from Dean, then the cops finding him under your bed again. We just grew up together, made mistakes together, cried and laughed and lived. I don't know how to get through you being gone. Pray, trust God and lean on family and friends. I miss you already! Much love to your boys and family.*

Cassie Pulliam - May 31, 2024 at 09:06 PM

JW

“ *Some pictures of my beautiful sister. Miss you girl!*



Johnny B. Ward - May 31, 2024 at 06:40 PM

RC

“ *Sweet Terry we are heartbroken to hear of your passing. You have always been a shining light in the lives of those around you. Our prayers and thoughts are with Your precious Momma Colene (Randy) and your Daddy Johnny (Opal). Plus your children, family, and friends. The angels are rejoicing upon your arrival in Heaven. We will miss you and love you forever. Renella & Johnny Capps*

Renella Capps - May 31, 2024 at 05:25 PM