



## Daren Denita Kelly

June 30, 1956 - August 26, 2017

Daren Denita Kelly, Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Warrior.

Daren Denita Kelly, age 61, was born June 30, 1956 in Pauls Valley, Ok to Arlis & Roberta Cowling Sudbury and passed away Saturday, August 26, 2017 at OU Medical Center Hospital after a battle with lung cancer.

Daren is survived by her husband, James, father, Arlis Sudbury, brother, Jimmy Fowler, and three children: Antony Kelly, Terrence Kelly, and Brandi Kelly Copeland. She is also leaving behind seven grandchildren, Ashley Kelly, Hailey Kelly, Avery Kelly, Brandon Kelly, Bryan Byler Jr., Karsten Copeland and Kaia Copeland. Daren was preceded in death by her mother, Roberta Sudbury, and brother, Michael Sudbury.

Daren is an Army veteran volunteering during the Vietnam era. She grew up in southern Oklahoma, the third child of Arlis and Roberta Sudbury. As a child, Daren had the privilege of traveling around the world with her family, living in Malta, Great Britain, and Algiers, to name a few. Daren graduated high school in Davis, Oklahoma, completed her bachelor degree from OU. She went to basic training at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina and MP training at Ft. Gordon, Georgia. She was then stationed in Pirmasens, Germany. While in the service in Germany she met James and they were married six months later. Following this was their first child, and subsequent honorable discharge from the military to raise their family in Oklahoma. A few years later came their second child, and then their third, completing their family and planting their roots on the family property in Wynnewood.

Daren retired from the Oklahoma Department of Human Services in 2008, after working to reunite families in the Caddo and Garvin County areas. She was dedicated to helping others in crisis, giving back to the community, and instilling hope in all.

Following in her mother's footsteps, Daren joined the Oklahoma Order of the Eastern Stars. During her time in O.E.S. with Pauls Valley Chapter #185, she served many stations including Worthy Matron, Ruth, and most recently as Chapter Secretary.

Most of all she is remembered as a woman of great faith. Throughout her sickness she could be quoted as saying, 'this is not a curse but rather a blessing.' Her faith inspired others around her, and will continue to carry out her legacy.

Funeral services will be held at Walker Baptist Church in Wynnewood, Oklahoma at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, August 28, 2017 beginning with O.E.S. service and officiated by Bro. Mike Muse. Interment will be in the Oaklawn Cemetery in Wynnewood, OK. Services are under the direction of Wooster Funeral Home. You may send a condolence to the family at [www.woosterfuneralhomes.com](http://www.woosterfuneralhomes.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 27. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home and Cremation Services (Pauls Valley)  
1601 South Chickasaw  
Pauls Valley, OK

## Service

AUG 28. 1:00 PM (CT)

Walker Baptist Church- Wynnewood  
6.5 Miles East of Pauls Valley...Lake Longmire Road  
Wynnewood, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ *Daren Denita Kelly*

November 12, 2022 at 02:44 AM



“ *I am saddened to just find out about Daren. Her mother Roberta was my Rainbow Girl Mother Advisor and they were a distant cousin to me. I remember her beautiful smile. Sad that life and travels got in the way of us keeping in touch. Prayers and hugs to all. RIP Daren.*

Rita Hines - September 01, 2017 at 12:48 AM



“ *I spent many of hours with Daren as a foster parent back in the day..we always manage to find lots to yap about... God bless your family*



Angela Frost-Wesson - August 30, 2017 at 11:04 AM



*Sorry to hear about her*

Rita Scroggins - August 30, 2017 at 12:28 PM



“ *Tina Hume lit a candle in memory of Daren Denita Kelly*



Tina Hume - August 29, 2017 at 12:26 AM

RC

“ Rick Colwell lit a candle in memory of Daren Denita Kelly



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**Rick Colwell** - August 28, 2017 at 08:10 PM

NR

“ Brandi, darling I am so sorry to hear about your mother. I love you sugar and she is in a much better place than we are. I know your sweet heart is breaking and I wish there was something I could do to help you. I will be praying for you and your family.



*Nanny Rosetta*

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**Nanny Rosetta** - August 28, 2017 at 06:09 PM

AP

“ Angie Peak lit a candle in memory of Daren Denita Kelly



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**Angie Peak** - August 28, 2017 at 12:32 PM

PB

“ Pam Branam lit a candle in memory of Daren Denita Kelly



Pam Branam - August 28, 2017 at 08:21 AM

GL

“ Daren's kindness and compassion had a huge impact on an important part of my life. I will be eternally grateful for the precious time I got to spend with her from which I gained so much. She was a very special person and I will miss her dearly.



Gail Levack - August 28, 2017 at 03:22 AM

BK

“ Bob Kirby lit a candle in memory of Daren Denita Kelly



Bob Kirby - August 28, 2017 at 01:00 AM

SG

“ I learned so much while working in Child Welfare with Daren in Garvin County. She not only was a co worker, we were friends. I am sorry to read of her passing. She is safe and in no pain, walking the streets of Gloryland. Prayers for her family.

Sandy Gray - August 27, 2017 at 07:25 PM

NI

“ I am so sorry. Daren was such a positive, beautiful lady.

Nancy Isaacs

Nancy Isaacs - August 27, 2017 at 07:24 PM

WH

“ James and family, I am deeply saddened to learn of Daren's death. I appreciated Daren so much when we worked together in Garvin County. Daren was one of the most generous people, not only with her resources, but with her time as well. Please accept my deepest sympathy.



Wilma Shook Hamilton - August 27, 2017 at 06:40 PM

distant future (10 years+) We will look back and realize we made a terrible mistake. The democratic free governments of the world has an opportunity to defeat the Russian military in a military that could not threaten their neighbors for many years (20+ years) including

“ Brent Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Daren Denita Kelly



Brent Gilbert - August 27, 2017 at 06:08 PM

DB

“ She will be missed! Great Lady!--Dee Ann Browne

Dee Ann Browne - August 27, 2017 at 04:26 PM

GT

“ Daren was a very sweet friend. Never had a bad word to say about anyone. Always friendly and helpful. Great Mother and Grandmother. I will remember Daren forever. I will miss sweet Daren. Love ya gal.



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**Grady Taylor** - August 27, 2017 at 04:21 PM

KR

“ I will always be grateful for Daren coming into my life. She helped me and my family with kinship foster parenting and reuniting my brother with his children in 2004 and from that a friendship grew. I will miss her, I am so sorry for your loss..

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**Katie Rankin** - August 27, 2017 at 03:50 PM

KR

“ Katie Rankin lit a candle in memory of Daren Denita Kelly



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**Katie Rankin** - August 27, 2017 at 03:41 PM