



## Jana Deann Sexton

August 10, 1974 - March 5, 2015

Jana “ya-ya” Sexton (Tannehill) was born August 10, 1974 in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma and was called home by her angels after a yearlong bout with cancer on March 5th, 2015 in the same place that she blessed this world, she was surrounded by family and friends as she was peacefully greeted by her angels. Those angels being, Ashley Whitlock, Elizabeth Jewel, and Wolfie. Jana was preceded in death by Grandparents Buck and Idella Gaines, Eugene Tannehill, Aunt Vicki Gaines and step-father Tommy Smith. Jana is survived by “Mom” Gayla Smith of Wynnewood, Oklahoma. Her “Daddy” Phillip and Glenda Tannehill of Weatherford, Oklahoma. Misti and Butch Collins, Ryan and Jana Smith, Tommy R. Smith, Sterling and Betty Smith, Connie and Roy Rogers, all of Wynnewood, Oklahoma. (Father’s Family) Grandmother Joy Tannehill, Dwight and Angela Gaston and their son Evan of Yukon, Oklahoma. Ken Gaston of Yukon, Oklahoma and Mark Tannehill of Pooler, Georgia. She also had an allegiance of special sisters Denese Williams, Joanna Easton, Kristen Yarbrough, Belinda Thacker, Sherry Kimberlin, and a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins. Jana graduated from Wynnewood High School and worked at SORC for 10 years until its negligent demise. She was very passionate about her work. She loved her client like family and would talk endlessly about them like all state school workers from past to present. She had many fond stories of the co-workers and clients that she loved to share including bickering and football bets with Stephen Ford.

“Ya-ya’s” pride and joys were nieces Josie, and Kaitlyn and nephew Levi. Her passions in life were excursions with them every chance she got. The introduction of Josie Dawn in this world lit a fire in her eyes that none of us ever expected but yet fueled a love that blessed Kaitlyn and Levi with an abundance of love. She enjoyed OSU football, going to the casino with “mom” and loved to rub it in whenever her purse left heavier than hers. Also, Jana enjoyed brother guided fishing trips to ensure no harm was done to the worm or the fish by her hand. She had a huge love for music of all genres and a dedicated schedule of watching the Voice. GO TEAM BLAKE.

Funeral services are scheduled for Monday, March 9, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Wooster Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. David Hamilton officiating. Interment will be held in the Oakwood Cemetery in Wewoka, Oklahoma and is under the direction of Wooster Funeral Home. The family would like to thank Pauls Valley General Hospital and Tabitha and Sonya of Cross Timbers Hospice for their unconditional care and dedication. You may send a condolence to the family at [www.woosterfuneralhomes.com](http://www.woosterfuneralhomes.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 8. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

MAR 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home Chapel  
1601 S. Chickasaw  
Pauls Valley, Ok

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jana Deann Sexton*

November 12, 2022 at 02:44 AM



“ *Jana was my daughter in law for several years. Though we never met in person, we did communicate by phone and online and I loved her. I thank her for loving my son when he most needed it and I'm sorry we never met and even more sorry that I didn't know she was ill and had died. Her story on Facebook has moved me deeply. God bless you Jana. Your fight is over and your body is healed. Though the loved ones left behind are suffering and grieving, I know that you are no longer suffering. I am also sad that Daisy passed away. I am grateful, though, that she lives on in my beautiful Crush, Daisy's daughter. Crush looks a lot like Daisy. Know that she is loved and quite spoiled...always will be. I would like to extend my deepest condolences to Jana's family and wonderful friends, especially her parents. Thank you for being her support system, for that meant much to her and it allowed her the strength not only to fight but to remain optimistic and not to sink into depression. Her attitude the whole time was admirable and an amazing example for all of us.*

**Judy Jarrett-Sexton** - December 19, 2015 at 09:23 PM



“ *You always had a way of making others feel better whether it was your quick wit or heartfelt sincerity. Rest in Peace my friend. My God keep this family with his hands around them today and those to follow. Karrie Ward*

**Karrie Ward** - March 11, 2015 at 02:57 AM

JJ

“ I got the pleasure of meeting Jana when she and her mom came into Mimi's Restaurant, she was a true inspiration and I'll miss seeing her. Rest in peace, Jana.  
Judy Jay

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**judy jay** - March 07, 2015 at 11:05 PM



“ I had the great honor of knowing and loving Jana! She was my best friend and my sister. At work everyone thought we were sisters and could never tell us apart or get our names straight. I could always go to her with my problems or a laugh. She would always keep me grounded. We always had a great time together. From running around acting crazy, watching the voice, or simply sitting together reading. I know your in a much better place now with no pain, you put up one hell of a fight and you taught us all how to live and have fun!!! So to my bestie, my "twin", you will always hold a special place in my heart!!!! I'll always love you and miss you!!!! Rest in peace.  
To Jana's family thank you so much for letting us borrow her. I pray God gives you peace and comfort! Love you all!

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**JoAnna Easton Box** - March 07, 2015 at 01:12 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with ya'll. If we can do anything to help make this difficult time easier please let me know. Rachel

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**Rachel Robertson** - March 06, 2015 at 11:16 PM

  
Denese  
Williams

“ Fly high with the angels Bestie. I love you and I miss you so much already!!! Thanks you for being my Bestie.  
Gayla, Misti, Ryan, Phillip and Glenda, you all are in my prayers.  
Thank you so much for letting me be a part of your family. I love you all!!!

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**Denese Williams** - March 06, 2015 at 10:13 PM

LA

“ Lacy lit a candle in memory of Jana Deann  
Sexton



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**lacy** - March 06, 2015 at 08:17 PM

SK

“ I was so blessed to have Jana in my life. She was the type of friend who would do anything for you, but would not hesitate to tell you that you had a booger hanging out of your nose. Maybe this is not the appropriate place to say this kind of thing. If I wrote something like this about someone else other than Jana, I would probably be whipped. But, this is Jana I am speaking of. She would laugh at this. To all of Jana's family: you have my deepest sympathy for the loss of such a wonderful person. She will be greatly missed. To Josie: I pray that God helps Josie during this difficult time. Josie was YaYa's most precious blessing. To all of the people who prayed, encouraged, and fought this battle with cancer with Jana: I pray that we find peace and comfort in all of the precious memories we share. I know where Jana is right now, and I know that one day we will meet again. Until then, my friend, you will always be in my heart.

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**Sherry Kimberlin** - March 06, 2015 at 07:57 PM

AF

“ How do I share just one memory? We have a million. From our 1st fight at a young age to begging your mom to let us stay out \*just a little bit longer\* on the weekends as teens to prom night to graduation to our trips to Talequah, house parties, shopping sprees with Vickie to crazy concert nights and meeting the bands, Normandy nights, Frogfest, midnight bowling wars, living together. Gosh, I can think of a thousand fights and a thousand and one "I'm sorry's". You are my friend, my sister, my family and I will forever be grateful God gave me such an amazing sister to grow up with. I will never forget you. I love you and I hope you're blessed in Heaven a billion times over. See you on the other side.

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**Amy Flick** - March 06, 2015 at 06:00 PM

CC

“ Cheryle Campbell lit a candle in memory of Jana Deann Sexton



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**Cheryle Campbell** - March 06, 2015 at 05:50 PM