



## Denise Kaye Ballard

September 14, 1960 - July 25, 2015

Denise Kaye Ballard, 54, Waxahachie TX, passed away July 25, 2015.

Denise was born September 14, 1960, to Marshall and Donna Leonard in Topeka. She graduated from Topeka West High School in 1978. Denise married David Ballard in the Rose Garden at Gage Park on June 27, 1980. She was retired from AT&T after 35 years of service. Denise and David attended JBarC Cowboy Church in Texas. She was a member of AT&T Pioneers. Denise was a warm, kind, and loving person towards her family and friends.

Denise is survived by her husband, David; daughter, Shanon Baker (Anthony) and her children, Damon and Marshall; son, Shane; mother, Donna Leonard; older brother Douglas Leonard (Anita); twin sister, Deanne Skinner (David); younger brother, Donald Leonard (Jennifer); mother-in-law, Beverly Evans. She is preceded in death by her son, Joshua David Ballard, her father, Marshall Dean Leonard, her grandparents, Walter and Arabelle Leonard and Kelley and Audrey Tucker.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday, July 31st at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 1st at the funeral home, with burial at Pleasant Hill Cemetery near Richland KS.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home to assist with Denise's monument.

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Hill Cemetery

Near Richland, KS

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUL 31.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home  
2801 SW Urish Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
(785) 272-7888  
info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

## Funeral Service

**AUG 1.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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Topeka, KS 66614  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Denise Kaye Ballard*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *I was good friends with Denise when we were in school. I'm so sorry to hear about Denise and I will always remember our times together. She was a terrific person and friend. My condolences to her family.*

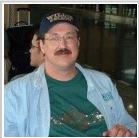
*Chris (Hartman) Langer*

Chris Langer - August 02, 2015 at 05:02 PM



“ *Dear David and family, so sorry to hear about Denise. Just remember she will always be with you. When you feel the brush of wind on your face, that is just her giving you a kiss on your cheek. She will be missed. May God wrap His loving arms around you and give you strength at this difficult time. She was such a sweet person and good mother and wife. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Your Cousins Phil and Sherry Lucas*

Sherry Lucas - August 02, 2015 at 01:15 AM



“ *Denise, I want to say this in your honor. The way I remember it...I was with Dave the day he met you. I think it was "love at first sight". Dave, I am do sorry. Denise was awesome everytime she put up with me.*

Steve Linderman - August 01, 2015 at 01:50 AM



“ *We were sorry to hear Denise was sick and passed. Bless her and all of you. Just remember she is pain free and everywhere you turn she will be there with you. Treasure those memories. Sending you all a hug. Curt and Ginger's daughter, Tammy & Mark Moulden, Holton.*

Tammy Moulden - July 31, 2015 at 10:39 PM

SH

“ Our condolences to Denise's family.

*Scott and Linda Henson*

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**Scott Henson** - July 31, 2015 at 05:42 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Denise Kaye Ballard.*



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July 31, 2015 at 03:29 PM

CM

“ *Denise was a friend and a coworker & will be missed. My condolences for the family; I will pray for the family.*



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**Cynthia McDaniel** - July 30, 2015 at 10:16 PM

DJ

“ *Denise was my life long friend and I loved her. She was a beautiful person. We grew up together in Topeka, Kansas and later worked together at AT&T in Dallas. She attended my retirement from AT&T which meant so much to me. I am very sad but Denise will always be alive in my memories. My condolences to all of the Leonard/ Ballard family. I love you all.*

*DeAnn Shideler Johnson*

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**DEANN R JOHNSON** - July 30, 2015 at 10:55 AM

DL

“ 6 files added to the album New Album Name



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**Don Leonard** - July 30, 2015 at 08:43 AM

DJ

*Love the Photo's, good memories.*

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**DEANN R JOHNSON** - July 30, 2015 at 10:45 AM

JO

*Denise was one of those people you could always count on. She would go to the mat for you & do her best to stand by you. She was a true friend. Denise spoke her mind and wasn't fake. I am so glad to have worked & partied with her. prayers to her family.*

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**joyceb4@att.net** - July 31, 2015 at 11:43 AM

EM

“ *Dave & family what a shock to hear of Denise's passing. It's been awhile but always felt she was one of the purest, nicest and genuine persons we've ever known. Our hearts go out to you and all of your family. RIP Denise.  
Love, Steve and Ellen Monhollon*

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**Ellen Monhollon** - July 29, 2015 at 08:16 PM

CH

“ *So sorry I cannot be with you but you are all in my prayers. Carol Hudman*

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**Carol Hudman** - July 29, 2015 at 05:43 PM

PD

“ *David, so sorry for your loss. Phillip Davenport*

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**Phillip Davenport** - July 29, 2015 at 04:35 PM

MC

“ *Mary and Randy Clinton purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Denise Kaye Ballard.*



**Mary and Randy Clinton** - July 29, 2015 at 02:45 PM

MA

“ *My condolences to the family on the loss of your loved one. I didn't know Denise, but was sorry to hear of her passing. When we lose someone we love in death, the pain, grief, and feelings of helplessness can seem unbearable. But remember that the Almighty God sees your tears, he feels your pain, and he will continue with you to comfort and sustain you through this difficult time. Because he cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7)*

**Mary Ann** - July 29, 2015 at 01:42 PM

CL

“ *Connie Lykins lit a candle in memory of Denise Kaye Ballard*



**Connie Lykins** - July 29, 2015 at 10:48 AM

CL

*Denise was a true friend. She was there when you needed her and she will be truly missed. Dave, Shannon, Shane and Deanne all my prayers and love to the family.*

**Connie Lykins** - July 29, 2015 at 10:49 AM

MC

*May God's angels surround Denise and her family with love and strength thru this sorrowful time. Denise was a kind and gentle soul and the world will miss her bright light.*

*Mary Clinton*

**Mary Clinton** - July 29, 2015 at 01:40 PM

CC

*I didn't know her but it feels like I did. Her daughter Shanon Baker would always talk about her and I know that she was a wonderful woman.*

**Corey Cain** - July 29, 2015 at 02:45 PM

GH

*To the Ballards and Leonard families I am so sorry for your loss. I have known Denise since we started working together in 1978. She always was a good person, always doing for others. The Good Lord brought a special angel home. May God wrap his arms around all of you and give you peace and comfort. Please know you all are in my prayers.*

**Gina (Leathers) Herman** - July 29, 2015 at 04:37 PM

DE

*My hugs and prayers to the family, I worked with Denise and she was a true gem to work with, making it a truly enjoyable time! My thoughts are with the family and especially her twin sister, remember you have great memories, your family, and your friends. Hugs to you all.*

**Dee Eberwein** - July 29, 2015 at 06:12 PM

CM

*I love you always my dearest special friend, our memories will always be close to my heart, and i know you are akways still with me until i see you again. I love you always.*

**Cindy Mullens** - July 29, 2015 at 06:16 PM

SG

*My prayers and deepest sympathy are with all of Denise's family. She was an incredible woman. I was fortunate to work for her and with her at AT&T. May God comfort you during this time. Thank you for sharing her with all of us. Much love to you all.*

**Shanae (Sutton) Gooden** - July 30, 2015 at 07:37 AM

LS

*Denise will be greatly missed! Deanne, I loved you both, and it's going to be difficult to say anything when I see you, because right now, I wouldn't know what to say. Please know that you and Dave and the entire family are in my prayers.*

**Lanette Smerchek** - July 30, 2015 at 07:07 PM