



Dana R. Croftcheck

May 21, 1973 - January 21, 2024

Dana Rhea Arnwine Croftcheck of Keefeton, Oklahoma was born on May 21, 1973, to Mark and Carolyn (Moore) Arnwine in Muskogee, Oklahoma. She attended school at Hilldale Public Schools and enjoyed playing softball. She graduated from Warner High School, and later from Northeastern State University with her bachelor's degree in early childhood education.

Dana enjoyed 35 years of marriage to the love of her life, Joe Croftcheck, who she married on November 11, 1988, at Keefeton Trinity Baptist Church. During her teaching career, Dana taught at Muskogee County Headstart, then at Hilldale Elementary School where she considered it a privilege to "Educate the World" and to show the children about life, usually having a class pet, to help teach the children about responsibility and caring for one another. Dana was a member of Keefeton Trinity Baptist Church where she came to know Jesus as her Savior. Dana had a deep love for her Lord and Savior. She spent many summers organizing and directing Vacation Bible School. She enjoyed watching the kids learning about Jesus and enjoying all the fun and games. Dana and Joe spent time developing the youth group at Keefeton Trinity, taking them to the Falls Creek Youth Camp, to the Youth Evangelism Conferences, and encouraging them at weekly devotional times. Dana and Joe enjoyed working with the youth of Keefeton Trinity and seeing them developing into Christian Leaders.

The joy of Dana's life was her family. In May of 1989, Dana and Joe welcomed their son, Colten Chase, "Her Bouncing Baby Boy" who she adored. She loved spending time with him – watching him play sports – baseball, football, weightlifting; out riding ATVs or swimming; even just checking the cows. She loved watching him grow into a loving father and Christian husband to Laci K who she adored as a daughter that she never had.

As Dana and Joe began to be gifted with their nieces and nephews – Dana loved and spoiled each one of them as her own. And her greatest joy was being a Granny. She loved and adored her precious grandchildren. Oh, how she enjoyed being able to "stay at home" and care for her grandchildren. Dana was known for her fierce and unwavering love of family and her inner strength as she battled cancer with Joe – her unwavering rock – by her side. Dana was surrounded by all her loving family as she peacefully went home to her Lord on January 21, 2024.

Dana was preceded in death by her father, Mark Arnwine.

Left behind to cherish her memory, is her loving husband, Joe; her mother, Carolyn Arnwine; her sister, Crystal Arnwine; her father and mother-in-law, Tom and Judy Croftcheck; her son and daughter-in-law, Colten Chase and Laci Croftcheck; her precious grandchildren, Brystol Anne, Grey Wilder, and Silas Koe Croftcheck; and a great loving family including her Keefeton Trinity Church family and many friends.

In lieu of flowers, please make monetary donations to the "Dana Croftcheck Youth/Children's Church Camp Fund" c/o Keefeton Trinity Baptist Church, 10404 Hwy 64 South, Muskogee, OK 74403.

Dana's life will be celebrated at 2PM, Friday, January 26, 2024 at Keefeton Trinity Baptist Church with Pastor Dean Haley officiating. The honorary pallbearers will be the boys of the youth group of Keefeton Trinity Baptist Church.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN **26**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Keefeton Trinity Southern Baptist Church
10404 Hwy 64 South
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall

GH

“ I loved my Dana so much. We shared family, Hutson's are big, happy one, even if your name ends up Croftcheck! All the family is a wonderful Christian group and Dana was such blessing to know. We worked together at Hilldale. She taught my grandkids. I will miss her but never forget her. She always smiled and laughted. Love you sweet girl! Prayers for your family.

Gayle Hutson - January 25, 2024 at 11:56 PM

JH

“ James Harris lit a candle in memory of Dana Croftcheck



James Harris - January 25, 2024 at 10:42 PM



“ Monica Mabry lit a candle in memory of Dana Croftcheck



Monica Mabry - January 25, 2024 at 06:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dana R. Croftcheck.*



January 25, 2024 at 12:03 PM



“ *Jeff and Denise Collins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dana R. Croftcheck.*

Jeff and Denise Collins - January 24, 2024 at 11:12 PM



“ *Jeff and Denise Collins purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Dana R. Croftcheck.*



Jeff and Denise Collins - January 24, 2024 at 11:12 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dana R. Croftcheck.*



January 24, 2024 at 10:31 PM

TF

“ The Martin and Clark families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dana R. Croftcheck.

The Martin and Clark families - January 24, 2024 at 10:31 PM

DC

“ Many prayers and love for the Croftcheck and Arnwine families and for the many friends, may God bring you comfort. I have to add this great photo. Lots of memories teaching with these wonderful ladies at Hilldale. This picture was taken at the Tulsa Zoo on a first grade field trip.

Deanna Croman
Hilldale Public Schools



Deanna Croman - January 24, 2024 at 08:24 PM

BH

“ Berry Beverly Harris lit a candle in memory of Dana Croftcheck



Berry and Beverly Harris - January 24, 2024 at 06:33 PM

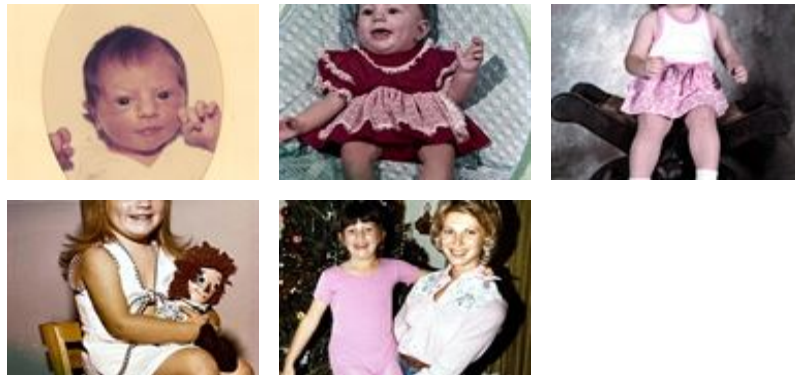
LY

“ Carolyn & Family,
I want to give each of you my sincere condolences. Grief is so very painful and my thoughts and prayers are with each of you. These past few days I could not help but think of all the memories we had during our childhood. Many ballgames, many swim parties, and many times just spending with each other. “A trophy carries dust, but memories last forever.” - Mary Lou Retten
Love, Linda Yarbrough

Linda Yarbrough - January 24, 2024 at 04:56 PM



“ 43 files added to the album Life Tributes



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - January 24, 2024 at 04:33 PM

ME

“ Mark, Sandia and Brady Etchison planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dana R. Croftcheck.

Mark, Sandia and Brady Etchison - January 24, 2024 at 04:20 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Dana R. Croftcheck.



January 24, 2024 at 04:20 PM



“ 1 Corinthians 2:9
But, as it is written,
“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

Dana loved Him, it was obvious in the way she lived her life.

Ira & Cindy Jackson

Cindy Jackson - January 24, 2024 at 02:25 PM



“ Rick and Sharon Riggs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dana R. Croftcheck.

Rick and Sharon Riggs - January 24, 2024 at 01:13 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dana R. Croftcheck.



January 24, 2024 at 01:13 AM

SD

“ Mrs Croftcheck taught our youngest son, Grant in 1st grade. I was the home room parent and we had such great experiences with her in the classroom. We loved her teaching style and the way she interacted with students. We were fortunate to know her

susan dunn - January 23, 2024 at 05:48 PM

TF

“ The McCullar family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dana R. Croftcheck.

The McCullar family - January 23, 2024 at 03:40 PM

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“ The McCullar family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Dana R. Croftcheck.



The McCullar family - January 23, 2024 at 03:40 PM