



Daryl Sue Jowell

August 11, 1950 - October 27, 2023

Daryl Sue Jowell, 73, of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed away Friday, October 27, 2023 after a short battle with cancer. She was born August 11, 1950 in Jacksonville, Cherokee County, Texas to Grady Nolen Jowell and Katie Lou (Reynolds) Jowell. Her parents tried for many years to have a child, so when Daryl arrived as they both neared the age of 40, it was unexpected. She was a Daddy's girl from the very beginning, and often accompanied Nolen as he went about his business as an East Texas lumberman. His family settled in Jacksonville around the time of the Civil War, and "Susie" (as she was known then) remained fiercely proud of her deep Texas roots throughout her life. Daryl may have been an only child, but she was never lonely. She often entertained herself by playing with Nolen's many brothers, who spoiled her rotten and were as enamored of her as her parents were. She also had a very special best friend named Hustler, a young African American child that her parents took in as their own. For Daryl, Hustler was her brother, and she was a horrible influence on him! Kate and Nolen never knew from one day to the next what scraps and situations their little Susie would find herself embroiled in, but they did a fine job of raising a loving, welcoming, accepting citizen of the world.

After graduating from Jacksonville High School in 1968, Daryl majored in business at Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches, TX. Married briefly in her 20's, she quickly realized that her independent spirit needed room to express itself away from East Texas. For the next few decades, her

employment took her Charlotte, NC, Ann Arbor, MI, Dallas, TX, and finally Muskogee, OK in the 1990's. Along the way, she collected friends from all walks of life, and found the perfect landing spot as a ladies' wear specialist at Dillard's. Daryl had impeccable taste, and her customers were appreciative of her tactful honesty and were loyal to her even after her retirement. Many of them she considered close friends until her last breath. Because of her empathy, openness, and interest in those around her, she became a member of many people's families during her lifetime.

Daryl was preceded in death by her parents; grandparents; aunts and uncles. She leaves behind several cousins; her church family at First Presbyterian Church of Fort Gibson; co-workers; her six "special boys", Mikey, Marty, Jeff, Albert, Seth, and Jeramie; and the network of friends that she built throughout the years.

A celebration of Daryl Sue's life will be at 10AM, Saturday, November 4, 2023 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Sam Dunn and Rev. Jeremy Jones officiating.

Memorials can be made to First Presbyterian Church, PO Box 1563, Fort Gibson OK 74434, or to a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel
1830 N. York St.
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall



“ *Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Daryl Sue Jowell*



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - November 04, 2023 at 12:38 PM



“ *A grove of 10 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Daryl Sue Jowell.*

November 02, 2023 at 01:13 PM



“ *I'm heartbroken. I first knew Daryl from Dillards. Not only did she help me shop and yes, she was incredible at that, but she also became a friend. My mother Marty Watson also worked at Dillards. My mom passed away seven years ago and Daryl always, always messaged me on mom's birthday and on the anniversary of her death. She was so kind in those texts and it meant so much to me. With much love Daryl will be missed 💔*

marcie mayes - November 02, 2023 at 09:57 AM

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“ Our paths crossed a few different times. Daryl never forgot me and it seemed like we just picked up where we left off. She was a joy to know and a great teller of tales. Kudos to whom ever write the obituary because I could hear Daryl’s voice telling me another great story about her life. Brenda Shiew

Brenda Shiew - November 01, 2023 at 11:53 PM

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“ Helen Ingram lit a candle in memory of Daryl Jowell



Helen Ingram - November 01, 2023 at 04:31 PM

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“ I work with Daryl at Dillard's for 6yrs I loved her spirt she was such a sweet person who will be missed dearly.

Helen Ingram - November 01, 2023 at 04:30 PM

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“ Loved Daryl. Loved visiting with her, shopping with her, & hearing all her fascinating stories. U will be missed !

Suzan Guthrie - October 31, 2023 at 08:10 PM