



Dixie L McClain

February 26, 1951 - April 25, 2025

Dixie Lee Daniel McClain, 74, of Tulsa, Oklahoma passed away peacefully on April 25th, 2025, surrounded by her family after a two-year battle with cancer. She was born February 26th, 1951, in Little Rock, Arkansas to Robert Alexander Daniel & Geraldine Fitzgerald Bowles Daniel, lovingly known as “Bobby and Goggy” to grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

After moving to McKinney, Texas in 1953, the Daniel family settled in Amarillo, Texas when Dixie was in the 8th Grade. She graduated from Tascosa High School in 1969. She met Roger Curtis McClain, her high school sweetheart, at the Polk Street United Methodist Church youth fellowship, where they were married in 1969. She continued her education at the North West Texas Hospital School of Nursing, graduating in 1972. She went on to work as a Psychiatric Registered Nurse at “The Pavilion” of North West Texas Hospital.

Roger and Dixie loved each other for over 55 years, together bringing two beloved children into the world: their daughter, Jennifer Anne McClain Ruley in 1970, and son, Robert Daniel Curtis McClain in 1976. In 1974, Dixie moved to Borger, Texas with her family, where she devoted herself to her children as a full-time mom, her favorite and most important job. Between 1974 and 1997, she moved family and home many times between Prairie Village, Kansas, Borger, Texas, and Bartlesville, Oklahoma. An accomplished decorator and homemaker, Dixie made each home beautiful and meaningful for her family,

and her generous spirit touched the lives of many in each of these cities.

The McClain family settled in Bartlesville for a time in 1997. In these Bartlesville years, she became a pillar of the community, devoting herself to the congregation at Grace Community Church, her work as a Weight Watchers Leader, her ministry with Green Country Emmaus, her ownership and curation of The Vicarage gift shop, and her years of passionate service as the Secretary of the Board for On the Rock Ministries, later working as their Tutoring Coordinator. While in Bartlesville, Dixie became a Mimi to Ashlyn Nicole Ruley, Bryce Alexander Ruley, and Mason Riley Daniel McClain, frequently hosting grandkids and kin at “The House on Cherokee Street.”

In 2010, Roger and Dixie packed up yet again and moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma to be closer to their children and grandchildren. Here, she was blessed with her daughter-in-law, Shannan, and another grandchild, Brennan Daniel Stout. Once again, she created a beautiful home in Tulsa, filled with warmth, wisdom, Westies, and the most exquisite tablescapes for every holiday meal. Her love and light will be sorely missed, but is forever cherished in memory by her husband, Roger McClain; her daughter, Jennifer Ruley, along with her husband, Loyd Ruley, and their children, Ashlyn and Bryce Ruley; her son, Daniel McClain, along with his wife, Shannan McClain, and their children, Mason McClain and Brennan Stout; as well as a host of beloved extended family in the Amarillo, Texas area. She is preceded in death by her parents, Robert Daniel and Geraldine Daniel. Beyond family, Dixie’s memory lives on in the hearts of the dozens of communities she touched throughout a long and well-lived life.

A celebration of life will be held 10:30AM, Thursday, May 1st at Grace Community Church in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Afterwards, her close family will lay her to rest at Memorial Park Cemetery with her parents.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to On the Rock Ministries care of 'Dixie Daniel McClain Memorial Fund'.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 1. 10:30 AM (CT)

Grace Community Church
1500 SE Kings Dr
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Tribute Wall

JA

“Heaven received one of the best this week. Dixie was a true friend to so many and my heart is full of so many memories and conversations we had over the years. She and Roger never missed an opportunity to truly engage with youth wherever they were. I know countless young people were touched by her willingness to listen and encourage them in whatever situation they might need help with. Her friendship with Ken and Sandy and the Rock staff has been another way she has served our Lord, a long side with Roger.

Before I moved to Arkansas in 2008, we labored many hours together planning our WW meetings each week! It was a great journey for both of us and although I'm still leading meetings it's not quite as fun without Dixie.

Our many trips to Savannah over the years together hold such great memories!

Roger, Dixie and I were there the first week in April a few weeks ago. Roger was the best caregiver and encourager to Dixie.

As much as we all prayed and knew that there could be a miracle, God had a different plan for her.....I know she was met with many who had gone before...not only her parents but many friends like my Tuck and Sandy Stearn's Cliff. I know we will be with her again too because of Jesus's sacrifice and our decision to know and accept His Plan. 🙏



Jai Archer - April 30, 2025 at 07:50 PM

ST

Jai , I'm sorry for your loss of Dixie. She was one of the sweetest people and always so kind. I missed you two gals so much when you both moved away. Weight Watchers was never the same after you and Dixie left. I pray God's peace and comfort for you, Roger and Dixie's family. Hugs

Shirley Troxell - May 04, 2025 at 08:49 PM

BW

“ I came to know and love Dixie when we worked together at the hospital pharmacy in Pampa, Texas. She was the kindest and most caring person I ever met. She was a blessing to know and I will always treasure the memories I have of her. My deepest sympathy to her loving family.

Sincerely,
Billie Ward

Billie Ward - April 29, 2025 at 07:57 PM

BE

“ It is important that families share their love and support, especially when there is a major illness in the family. As sister-in-law to Jennifer, their beloved daughter, I have followed Dixie's courageous journey as she fought her battle with cancer. Despite her weariness, she would always thank me for her favorite German chocolate muffins and soup. Her treasured family spent a wonderful, joyous Easter day together with her. My hope is that they all hold tight to those warm memories, cherish the many good times and be at peace. Brenda Ruley Estes

Brenda Estes - April 29, 2025 at 04:50 PM

JT

“ Dixie was one of a kind! I met her working for WW she would come to Claremore with Jai from Bartlesville on Tuesday. We formed a wonderful friendship. We laughed, cried, prayed for each other and encouraged each other! I loved that lady. She will be missed by many! Until we meet again.

jennifer Toone - April 29, 2025 at 04:21 PM

RM

“ A very special friend that I share more than 50 years with. It all started with our husbands' graduation from WT and starting with Phillips Petroleum the same summer. Our families moved to Borger and started building so many memories. We had other transfers together and learned our way around new cities together. We welcomed each addition to our families. When we didn't live in the same city, we would visit and stay in touch. We met back together in Bartlesville, and we moved right into the same housing addition that the McClains lived in. Dixie and I walked about a 3 mile track through the neighborhood every chance we got. Time, moves, circumstances, and retirement have kept us apart the past few years, but I cherish the memories I share only with Dixie. She was helping me like family when I had no family close. I will think of her often and be praying for her family.

Rita McNabb - April 29, 2025 at 11:04 AM

AP

“ Dixie was a friend and Sister in the Lord. Beautiful woman if God.



Alberta Pugh - April 29, 2025 at 09:37 AM

MD

“ Dixie was my WW leader in Bartlesville and she was always an encouragement and always had a beautiful smile. I enjoyed every time I saw her and visited with her. A very special Christian inspiration to me. My prayers are with Roger and the family

Margaret DeShazo - April 29, 2025 at 07:40 AM

TB

“ *Dixie was an important spiritual leader to me. She was my small group leader for most of my youth years. I am going to miss her fiercely but I know she's in heaven with Jesus*

Teal Betts - April 28, 2025 at 10:49 PM