



## Jenni

April 26, 1987 - January 8, 2012

Jennifer Rene “Jenni” Sanders

Jennifer Rene “Jenni” Sanders, 24, a longtime area resident, died Sunday, January 8, 2012 at the M.D. Anderson Medical Center in Houston, Texas.

Funeral services for Jenni will be held at 2 P.M. on Friday, January 13, 2012 at the Copan School Gymnasium with Jimmy Harrington, pastor of the Ridin’ For The Brand Cowboy Church in Wann officiating. Interment will be in the Wann Cemetery under the direction of the Stumpff funeral Home & Crematory.

Jenni’s family will receive guests for visitation at the Stumpff Funeral Home on Thursday evening, January 12, 2012 from 5 P.M. until 7 P.M.

Jenni was born in Bartlesville, Oklahoma on April 26, 1987 the daughter of Joyce Rene (Phillips) and Michael Allen Sanders. She grew up and received her education in the Copan area and Copan Schools where she graduated in 2005. While attending schools in Copan she was involved in sports such as track and volleyball and her favorite sport, basketball. She had also been a cheerleader, was Homecoming Queen, was treasurer of FFA and showed pigs at the livestock show. She was also involved in the youth groups of both the

Copan Baptist Church, the Copan United Methodist Church and was active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She attended Tri County Technical School in cosmetology and became a licensed cosmetologist and had worked at Gail's Hairstyling during and after her college. She attended Southwestern State University in Weatherford, Oklahoma and the Caddo/Kiowa Tech Center at Fort Cobb, Oklahoma and received her Associates Degree in Occupational Therapy and became a Certified Occupational Therapist. Jenni graduated with top honors in her class and received additional recognition while attending Nationals in Nashville, Tennessee. She was employed with the Bartlesville Public Schools in 2009 as an occupational therapist and had also worked at the OSU Medical Center in Tulsa. She met her fiancée, Wendell Mitchell in April 2008 and along with him she loved to hunt, camp, fish, their dogs, Maisie and Bentley and take float trips. They were planning their future together. Most recently she had been attending the Ridin' ForThe Brand Church in Wann.

Jenni is survived by her mother, Joyce Rene Norman of Dewey, her father, Michael Allen Sanders and wife, Kathy of Elk City, Kansas, her fiancée, Wendell Mitchell of Ramona, two brothers, Brandon Sanders and his wife, Alicia and their son, Brock of Coffeyville, Kansas, and Spencer Sanders of Elk City, Kansas, one sister, Laura Sanders and her children, Caden and Kyra Barker of Caney, Kansas, two step brothers, and a step sister, Benny Culbertson of Neodesha, Kansas, Eric Culbertson of Independence, Kansas and Kayla Culbertson of Cherryvale, Kansas, her maternal grandparents, Bill and Sue Phillips of Wann, her paternal grandparents, Ronnie and Dorma Sanders of Elk City, Kansas, her paternal great grandmother, Pauline Pannell of Bartlesville, and numerous other aunts, uncles and cousins. Jenni was loved by all.

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# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

Copan High School Gymnasium

527 Hornet Lane

Copan, OK 74022

(918) 532-4344

<http://www.copan.k12.ok.us/>

# Tribute Wall



“ Jenni

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ Jenni

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *I'm not sure where the time has gone, but One Year Ago Today, January 8, 2012, God decided he needed another "Angel" O:) and he picked "Jenni"!! I have anticipated & dreaded this day all at the same time!!*

*Jenni, There's not a day that goes by that I don't think about you and wonder what life would have been like with you here, but I know in my "Heart" that God needed you more and he has a plan for "All Of Us" that you left behind!! Our lives are moving on because we know that is what you would want us to do, but we will "Never Forget" the "Memories" that you left in our "Hearts" to last us a "Lifetime"!!! I Love You & Miss You Very Much!! You Are Forever In My Heart, ? Carolyn (MOM-In-Law)*

Carolyn Prince (MOM-In-Law) - January 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *Dear Jenni,*

*We love and miss you*

*Aunt Patsy*

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**Pat Mitchell** - January 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *It's so hard to say goodbye to the ones we love. But remember them at their happiest, and let those*

*Memories comfort you and keep their spirit alive.*

*Our thoughts are with you at this sad time.*

*Sorrow touches the heart in such a personal, private way.*

*But we hope you know you're not alone – our caring Thoughts are with you now and in the days to come.*

*With Deepest Sympathy*

*Sheila White*

*Miranda & Cheyenne*

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**Sheila White** - January 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SY

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Keeping you in my prayers.

Sheree (Jacobs) Yoder - January 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ So sorry to hear Jenny has passed. God has a special place for her in heaven with no pain or sickness. Cherish the memories you shared with her and know that one day we will be reunited with our loved ones. God Bless you all.

Criss, Jill and Allison Davis - January 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Brandon,

*My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family during this hard time. May God be with you always and remember you have a Special Guardian Angel watching over you.*

*Michelle*

Michelle Hernandez - January 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ My heart goes out to you Joyce...what a journey you and Jenni have endured. May peace and strenght be with you on this day.

*Love Kathy Brown*

Kathy Brown - January 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ Jenni

Elaine Hufferd - January 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Wendell, I'm so very sorry to hear about Jenni. I can only imagine what a difficult time this is for you. She was such a sweet girl. Im so glad il got to meet her. Wishing you peace and the strength to keep going. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Crystal Allison** - January 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

C(

“ Sitting here thinking about how hard it is to let your "Children", GO...!!! You carry them inside you for 9 months and then they are born and their adventure begins!!! You make mistakes and so do they, but thru it all they develop into an "Adult" but they are "Still Your Children" no matter how old they get!! As they growup and leave the "Nest" (as many refer to it) they become independent but they are "Still Your Children"!! Then they form their own relationships and you have more "Children"!! Your "Children" aren't always just the ones you carried inside you for 9 months, but they are the ones who "Love" those whom you did!! And also the ones who develop from those relationships!! And they become "Your Children", too!! Your "Nest" gets bigger and you "LOVE", "ALL YOUR CHILDREN" and whatever happens, if they are still on this "Earth" or their adventure moves them on to "Heaven", you never really let them "GO" because they are "STILL YOUR CHILDREN"!!! Rest In Peace Jenni!! And Remember That "I Love You and You Will Always Be "One Of My Children"!! Love, MOM (Carolyn)

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**Carolyn Prince (MOM)** - January 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Joyce and family - I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Terri Hadley Geist** - January 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *What a beautiful and accomplished girl. I know she will be surely missed. Our prayers and thoughts go out to your family.* ”

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**Sue and Jay Hadley** - January 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ You can shed tears that she is gone

or you can smile because she has lived.

You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back

or you can open your eyes and see all she's left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see her

or you can be full of the love you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday

or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember her and only that she's gone

or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind,

be empty and turn your back

or you can do what she'd want:

*smile, open your eyes, love and go on*

*We miss you so much, Jenni, but know that you are in a far better place. See you on the other side sister! :)*

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**Alicia Sanders** - January 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *Joyce and family, I was so sorry to hear about Jenni. Even though I didn't know her personally, everything that I ever heard about her was great. I wanted you to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Rayma will have some extra company now! God bless and keep you in his care, Mary*

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**Mary Ernest** - January 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *Joyce there are no words that can express the sorrow I know you're feeling right now.*

*May God comfort you during this most difficult time.*

*Jenni was such a great girl and we all had so much fun hitting the Mexican restaurants for margarita night! :-)*

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**Mary Jane Neighbors** - January 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Thinking of all the family at this time.*

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**Steve and Glenda Bryant** - January 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ *Brandon and family:*

*Sorry for your loss. May God with you always. God Bless!*

*The Voth Family:*

*Dan, Shelly, and Cade*

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**Shelly J. Voth** - January 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Brandon, Alicia, and family, words can't express how sorry I am for your loss. I hope your hearts are filled will wonderful memories in the days and weeks to come! You will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Sarah Boyer** - January 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *lur thoughts and pryers are with you and your family.*

*The McGhay's*

*Greg and Susan and Family..*

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**Susan Hadley McGhay** - January 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ Mike,

*I am so sorry to hear of your loss. May God's love grant you some peace during this very difficult time.*

*You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely,*

*Craig Null*

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**Craig Null** - January 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Jennifer Rene,

*Dear friend I will always cherish the memories we made growing up together. From the time we were little, Brandon, you and I would always find some kind of trouble! From being about five or six and making mud pies then covering my parents house with them, to playing in the barns, to FFA trips, Coffeyville fairs, and just causing chaos in Copan. Such cherished memories I will never forget. I remember the last big hug and talk we had. We hadn't seen each other in a few years, but talked and gossiped as if we talked each day. Your smile will live on in all who knew you. Such a sweet life taken much to early. May you find peace, comfort and love in the arms of the heavenly father.*

*Joyce, Brandon and family, my prayers are with you. She is no longer suffering. Love you all.*

*Samantha (Pollock) Wicker*

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**Samantha (Pollock) Wicker** - January 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

K(

“ Dear Sanders Family,

*I am so sorry for your loss. Jenni was truly a joy to all that knew her.*

*In school, because she was one year ahead of me, I witnessed the beauty of her smile in the classes that we shared. And as a cheerleader, I witnessed the intensity of her athleticism in basketball. And if she fought the sickness coming against her body, the way she would scrap for a jump-ball, I know it was a good fight!*

*I know with the loss of a loved one, it is better not to say much and just be there. Thus, I will only share one of the most comforting things said to me during my grief over losing a loved one. “God never takes our loved ones. He receives them with open arms.”*

*What a beautiful thing to have witnessed, as Jenni won her battle and walked right into the arms of Jesus.*

*Our prayers continue to be with you,*

*Kadilyn Hourigan (Suggs)*

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**Kadilyn Hourigan (Suggs)** - January 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ Jenni was by far one of the kindest people I ever met and the epitome of strength and courage. She will be missed by so many. We love you and will continue to pray for your family and fiancé.

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**LeAnn Murphy & Quentin Eckert** - January 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ With Deepest Sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**Staff at NeuroLinks** - January 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ Joyce, I am soo sorry to hear about Jenni. I know the pain in your heart, and am praying you will lean on us to help you through this. Please, please, please call me if you need to talk. Having said that and having been where you are, I know that you probably won't call me, so please email me your phone number so that I can call you. We are an elite few, but I'm here for you. Thoughts and prayers....

*Carol Ebert*

*10 Tower*

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**Carol Ebert** - January 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Though I did not know you, I am sure you will be missed dearly. May God take care of you and keep you by his side. Rest in peace.

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**Cory McCollam** - January 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Do not stand at my grave and weep; I am not there. I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow. I am the diamond glints on snow. I am sunlight on ripened grain. I am the gentle Autumn rain. When you awaken in the mornings hush I am the swift uplifting rush of quiet birds in circled flight. I am the soft stars that shine at night. Do not stand at my grave and cry I am not there I did not die... I hope this comforts you as it has us in times of loss we love you Jenni suffer no more in HIS embrace Rest in Peace sweet sweet girl

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**Martha & Miguel** - January 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ A sympathy card has been sent to the family of Jenni c/o Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory funeral home.

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January 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Jenni what memories I have of us working in the beauty shop! The crazy colors we would put in our hair and all the long talks we had and many many laughs to much to even write about!! You will be missed I know you are in heaven smiling down on everyone!

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**Kay Ko Holmes** - January 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Jenni, I was very lucky to watch you grow up and what a beautiful contagious smile you gave us. You will be in my heart forever and I will never forget the hugs and chats after basketball games. So much sadness in many hearts but wonderful memories remain forever. May God comfort the Phillips and Sanders family and Wendel. RIP my friend. You will be missed by many.

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**Ronda Williams** - January 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ You are missed by all! Prayers to your family and friends! Much love girl!

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**Matt Tiffany and Landon Smith** - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Ah, Jenni. The memories of senior English still make me laugh. Beautiful child, I know you are dancing with the angels. Down here we're so sad, yet so blessed to have know you. We miss you, but someday will see you again.

Love, Mrs. Todd

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**Debbie Todd** - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ I did not know you very well Jenni but i do know that the few times i saw you their was a special kind of love radiating from you and Wendell...he loved you with all his heart as did you with him! You are in a much better place with no more pain and suffering. You will be missed by all and we all love you.

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**Angela Lebel** - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ RIP Jenni you will be truely missed I'm glad that I got to go to school with u all those years bc u were a great friend and team mate ill always remember the bus trips to summer ball us girls made it fun even though we were on the short bus lo!!!!

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**Laura Alston** - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *My family sends our deepest sympathies to Jenni's family. It's heartbreaking when such a fighter loses her fight but she is no longer in pain.*

*Jenni, you touched so many lives...you will be missed but not forgotten.*

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**Melissa Patrick** - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *Down to earth, and always peppy and smiling! Gunna miss the days, but will always remember the good times!! Rest is piece girl!*

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**Jenifer Johnson-Schulz** - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ *We don't understand why God decides to call some of his precious children home early, but we must trust in him most when we understand the least. Our sympathy and prayers go out to Jenni's fiance and her family. May God comfort your hearts w/ precious memories.*

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**Connie & Duke Epperson** - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Jenni, I had the absolute pleasure of watching you grow up and become the wonderful strong woman you are. You we're taken from all of us way to soon but I know I will see you again. Love you and see you one day.*

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**Lacey Speer** - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ *You will be greatly missed Jenni! Praying for your family and friends!*

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**Amanda Caron** - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ Jenni I'm sorry you struggled for so long and that you were in so much pain but for now Im glad you can finally rest in peace. Although you were way to young! You were loved and will be missed by many.

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**April Johnson** - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I am so thankful I had the chance to be Jenni's teacher. Decorating for the prom with her is one of my favorite memories. She will always be in my heart.

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**Sissy Miner** - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ My condolences for Jenni's family & other friends. Jenni was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed! The last 3 years she's changed my life as well as many others, there's nothing she wouldn't do for anyone. I look forward to the day we meet again, see you in heaven. We all love you Jenni!

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**Josh Carey** - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Jenni you will be missed. I love you forever!

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**Janey Morain** - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ Jenni you were takin to soon! So many good memories made. We will see you soon in heaven. RIP see you soon.

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**Amber Truitt** - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HE

“ Jenni,

*I will always remember basketball and livestock shows with you. You were always able to put a smile on my face. But, what I remember the most is the slumber parties we had at Ambers this past year and 1/2, your strength inspired. You're love and fight for life were amazing! You are and will be greatly loved and missed!*

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**Heather** - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *I know in my head this is real, but really wish with my heart it was not. Jenni was such a sweet girl & I love that she provided my brother Wendell & my daughter Sydney Grace & our whole family with so much love & so many great memories. You will be sorely missed Jenni. I'm happy that you are no longer in pain & are resting in peace in Heaven. Love you sister!*

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**Karissa McMillan** - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ *Jenni was a sweet, unforgettable lady. I met her through Wendell's family and instantly knew she was special. May God bless the family not only now, but forever more.*

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**Nikita Hay** - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *MAY YOU REST IN PEACE JENNI... MY HEART JUST ACHES FOR ALL THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO SO LOVED THIS YOUNG LADY... SHE STAYED STRONG AND POSITIVE...AND TALK ABOUT A FIGHTER... SEE YA WHEN WE GET THERE GIRL... GOD BLESS..*

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**SHERRILL COOPER** - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FJ

“ To my precious Jenny,

*I will never forget the first time I met you..you were a just a young girl,some 13 years ago. We were new in town and wondering about the school,the people..the good and bad...you never hesitated to tell me what you thought about them when asked! As I watched you and your brother grow up next door to us,I knew that someday you would be a beautiful,talented and successful young lady. I will miss talking with you about the story where you and Brandon stuck the dead squirrel in my mailbox and literally made me wet myself. We always laughed about that and all of the other funny stories we had as neighbors. I love you Jenny...you will always be in my heart.*

*All my love,*

*Fay Anne*

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**Fay Anne Jones** - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Jenni, you were a great friend and a wonderful person! You will be truly missed!

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**Julie Fitzsimmons** - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ I am sad you are no longer here with us but I am happy knowing you are in no more pain watching over us. I'm going to miss you so much girl.

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**Lindsay Sroufe** - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ I will miss you Jenni! You were always such an amazing person who always had a smile on your face. Thank you for being my friend! see you later babe! Love you!!!

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**Alysia Melton** - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ my heart, thought and prayers are with the family.

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**Amanda Justice** - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ My heart goes out to you all in this time of pain and sorrow. May God bless you and give you peace and strength.

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**Terri Jacobs** - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ We love you Jenni Girl..

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**John And Amber Epple** - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ My deepest condolences for the family and friends during this time. I pray peace and comfort be with you all.

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**Ahna Roberts** - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM