# Shelley Jean Turner

May 21, 1968 ~ November 22, 2023 (age 55)



Services **Memorial Service** Saturday December 2, 2023 10:00 AM John M. Ireland & Son Funeral Home & Chapel 120 S. Broadway Ave. Moore, OK 73160 Shelley Jean Turner passed away in Little Rock, Arkansas on November 22, 2023, from complications of a seizure at the age of 55. Shelley was born May 21, 1968, in Norman, Oklahoma to Jerry and Sue Turner.

Shelley graduated from Norman High School. Until her illness, she worked at the University of Oklahoma at a job that she loved for 10 years.

Shelley was a joy of life with a smile and contagious laugh. Shelley never met a stranger and was always positive, no matter what she was going through. She enjoyed helping others, often served the homeless, and was always willing to help anyone who needed it.

If Shelley's daughters could describe her in one word, her oldest, Sofia Marquez, 19, would say, "Accepting". "Our mom was the most accepting person I knew. She accepted me and my little sister like no other. I couldn't describe the amount of acceptance she gave to us, and that's just how she was. She was accepting of anyone and everyone, and that acceptance helped me and my sister immensely.

We are eternally grateful." Shelley's youngest, Seleste Marquez, 14, would describe her mom as Influential. "My momma was and forever will be influential. She always helped me to grow, learn acceptance, see the beauty of helping others, and taught me the importance of loving myself. My mami has influenced so much love and happiness in my life, and in anyone around her."

Shelley is preceded in death by her father, Jerry Turner and mother, Carolyn Sue Schneringer.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughters, Sofia Marquez and Seleste Marquez, and her beloved pets, Sushi and Shortie. Shelley is also survived by her former husband, Samuel Marquez, stepmom and best friend Betty Turner, stepdad Jim Schneringer, brother Scott Turner, brother Brian Schneringer and wife Jamie Schneringer, stepsister Rhonda Hill and husband John Hill, and stepsister Renee Bennett, as well as nieces, nephews, cousins, and many more family members and dear friends that she loved.

She touched the lives of so many and will be deeply missed.

The family would like to thank University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and Aurora of Little Rock Arkansas for their care for Shelley and the family during this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to be made to Norman Care-A-Vans (https://normancareavans.org/).

# **Guest Book**

## Message from Michelle Kemp-Jerner

January 1, 2024 1:57 PM

I am in utter shock right now. I have never used Facebook, but I recently created an account at the request of my daughter. This morning I was sent a friend alert for someone I knew in high school. That person's page sent me other NHS contacts. Of course Shelley was the first person I clicked on. I have read this obituary 20 times now. Hoping it's somehow a mistake. Anyone who grew up with Shelley, knew how extremely close we were. Shelley's personality was infectious. I never felt like I could get enough of her. Being in her presence made me so happy. She could make me laugh like no one else. From the moment I met her in the first grade, I knew I would always want her in my life. We shared so many pivotal moments in our youth. 4 years of Spanish classes. Hours upon hours of listening to music and singing. So many good times. Jim & Sue & Scott & Brian always made me feel like I was a part of their family. Shelley was truly like my sister. She was my chosen sister for sure. We got matching tattoos (our only tatoo) when we were 30 to commemorate our friendship & time together. Shelley wanted a very fitting red chili ✓. I am sorry this post is all over the place, my head is spinning and I truly can't believe she's gone. If you are reading this, and you have lost touch with someone who means the world to you, pick up the phone and find a way to get in touch with them. We don't always get do-overs. Shelley, I LOVE YOU. Now you can finally tell me, "where is that confounded bridge?" **V** 

#### Message from Kerri Kent

December 5, 2023 2:14 AM

I met Shelley when we were very young; I think 5. We grew up in the same neighborhood with brothers the same age. I always loved her laugh and the way her face lit up when she smiled. I send much love to all of her family, especially her girls. We caught up a few times through the years and one thing was very clear. You girls were the best thing that ever happened to her.

# Message from Bobbi Schader

December 2, 2023 4:00 PM

I have special memories of my niece Shelly that I will treasure forever. I had the pleasure of babysitting her as a child and spending time with her off & on as she grew. Though there were miles between us, I'm glad I had the opportunity to see her on rare occasions. She always lit up the room with her happy smile & laughter. My heart aches for her family and mine. Our love and thoughts are with her. May Shelley be at peace.

# **Expression of Sympathy**



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CHOICE

December 1, 2023 2:26 PM

Jade joy was purchased for the family of Shelley Jean Turner by Denis and Sheri Doe and the Doe family .

Our thoughts & prayers are with you during this time of great loss. As you move forward may good memories, the love of family & friends, & the loving arms of God surround you with peace & comfort. Denis and Sheri Doe and the Doe family

# **Expression of Sympathy**

December 1, 2023 5:41 AM

Designer's choice bouquet was purchased for the family of Shelley Jean Turner by The Fosters .

May you rest in peace The Fosters



A tree was also planted in memory of Shelley Jean Turner.



#### **Expression of Sympathy**

November 30, 2023 6:53 PM

Small dish garden was purchased for the family of Shelley Jean Turner by Debbie Benton and family .

Sending love, thoughts and prayers to you and your family during this tough time.

Debbie Benton and family

#### **Expression of Sympathy**

November 29, 2023 8:07 PM

A little bit of sunshine was purchased for the family of Shelley Jean Turner.



A tree was also planted in memory of Shelley Jean Turner.



## **Expression of Sympathy**

November 29, 2023 4:52 PM

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Shelley Jean Turner by Betty L Turner .

A beautiful tree for you Shelley from Sofia, Seleste, Betty and Sam. We will miss you so much, but you are here in our hearts forever, we love you Betty L Turner

# Message from Pat Meirick

November 29, 2023 3:17 PM

I was deeply saddened to hear of Shelley's untimely passing. For more than 10 years, I could count on her help in the front office of OU's Department of Communication. But as helpful as she was, I appreciated Shelley's kindness and warmth even more.

## Message from Ryan S. Bisel

November 28, 2023 9:27 AM

Shelley Turner was a bright presence in OU's Department of Communication. She was always ready with a smile and cheerful word. She will be missed. Rest in peace, Friend.

# Message from Jeff Carpenter

November 27, 2023 8:09 PM

We are so sad to hear this news. Lisa and I have wonderful memories of hanging out with our fun loving cousins Scott and Shelley when we were all little kids. Especially at Grandma's house on Rich street. Jim, Brian, Scott, Rhonda, Renee, and all of Shelly's family, we are so sorry for your loss. Don sends his condolences as well.



# **Expression of Sympathy**

November 27, 2023 6:44 PM

Designer's choice bouquet was purchased for the family of Shelley Jean Turner by Young Y. Kim.

As a member of the faculty in the Department of Communication at the University of Oklahoma, I so appreciated Shelley's excellent administrative guidance and assistance. With her warm-hearted and welcoming spirit, she was also a great joy and a blessing to us all. Rest in peace, my dear friend. Young Y. Kim

#### Message from Ron Harmon

November 27, 2023 2:57 PM

Shelly was my friend in high school. We would walk many times to lunch at sooner dairy lunch. She was always so much fun. She loved Led Zeppelin. She will be missed.



# November 27, 2023 11:16 AM **A Memorial Tree was planted for Shelley Jean Turner**

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at John M. Ireland & Son Funeral Home and Chapel Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree (/obituary//1069336/memorial-tree)