



## Donna Castle

April 14, 1970 - August 17, 2025

Donna Jane Castle was born on Tuesday April 14, 1970 in Livonia, Michigan to parents, David and Jane (Powell) King. She passed away in the comfort of her home, with her family by her side on Sunday, August 17, 2025 at the age of 55.

Donna was a graduate of Union High School Class of '88. She furthered her education at the University of Oklahoma, earning a Bachelor's degree in Psychology. She soon after earned two Master's degrees. One in Education from University of Central Oklahoma and the other in Education from East Central University. She enjoyed sports both as a spectator and as an athlete. She was a player for OU Women's Soccer. She, of course, was also an OU football fan!! During those years, while working at J.D. McCarty Center, she met the handsome young Jeffrey Scott Castle. He proposed, and they were married in Norman, Oklahoma on Saturday, May 27, 1995. They had two children, Ryan Scott and Sara Jane. Donna adored her family.

She was keen on helping organize family events, devoting enormous amounts of energy to provide the best for the people she loved most. This work gave her and her family roadtrips, summer activities, and frequent trips to the zoo. She liked to help her dad with home renovations, the biggest being the transformation of the upstairs attic into additional living space. She was happy to work with her father David, who she considered her hero.

Education and the impact on young lives was very important to Donna. She cared about people and schoolchildren loved her. She taught special

education at Kerr Junior High in Del City, OK. After moving back to Tulsa with a family of her own, she was a High School Counselor for Union Public Schools. She was a dedicated leader and inspiration to teachers, parents, and students alike.

After retirement, Donna focused on her health. However, that didn't stop her from also continuing to look out for her family. She remained persistent. She remained a leader of the family. She remained emotionally invested in the lives of loved ones until the day she left this earth. Her love and influence will remain with all who knew her.

Those to remember her fondly,

Husband, Jeff Castle of Tulsa, Oklahoma

Children, Ryan Castle and Sara Castle

Father, David King

Preceded in death by mother, Jane King and brother, David King Jr

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP 4. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hayhurst Funeral Home created a Funeral Service in memory of Donna Castle

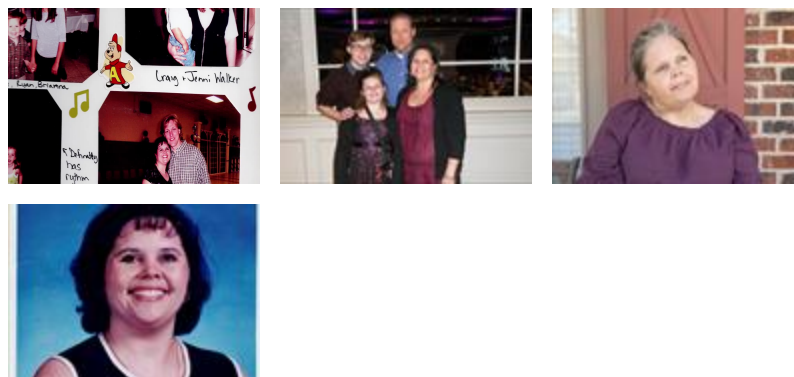


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Hayhurst Funeral Home - September 01, 2025 at 10:13 PM



“ 4 files added to the album Pictorial video tribute



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Hayhurst Funeral Home - September 04, 2025 at 01:36 PM

EM

“ When I think about Donna, I can't help but smile. One specific memory comes to my mind that makes me feel grateful I knew her. I was a sophomore going into my first year at Union High School and was very nervous because I didn't know anyone in my classes. I don't remember if it was Ryan who mentioned her being a counselor, but I went to her office with some friends and she put us in the same class. I remember thinking that this was one of the first times that an adult treated me like I mattered and what I wanted was important. Years later, I began my career as a school counselor, and I tried my best to help my students feel seen, like they mattered, and what they wanted was important - a lesson Donna taught me years ago. I'm grateful for her impact in my life, and my thoughts are with her family during this time. Rest in peace.

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**Eli Moss** - September 03, 2025 at 08:32 PM

JA

“ I stayed with the Castle family for a few months during a difficult time where I needed to be away from home. Donna and Jeff made sure I had everything I needed. They housed and even fed me dinners. At the end of it all, Donna only accepted \$200 that I basically had to force her to take. I remember crying when I drove away that day. Donna was funny and the kind of good that goes to the soul, not just a surface level good. Everyone who knew her will miss her deeply.

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**Jack** - September 03, 2025 at 01:39 PM

JC

“ Jack and Claire purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Donna Castle.



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**Jack and Claire** - September 03, 2025 at 01:31 PM

RK

“ Donna and I began our teaching careers together 31 years ago at Kerr Jr High. We were first year teachers- young, energetic, and ready to prepare our students for great success in their lives. We "grew up" together at Kerr. We were the best of friends. We had our beautiful sons just 9 months apart. We were there for each other through all of our trials and tribulations. We spent countless hours together with our sons at the Norman Mall play place. We spent summers at the zoo and in the pool. We spent birthdays and holidays together. She was who I called when making big decisions. She always talked me through the pros and cons, the what ifs, the why nots. When she moved to Tulsa we would put miles on the turnpike both ways. Eventually time moved on and our kids got busy in their activities and distance became a thing. We still kept in touch on occasion but not nearly as much as we should have. I regret that. I loved her dearly. I will miss her. ❤️

Renee Knight - September 03, 2025 at 09:26 AM

TF

“ The Powell, Yoder and Croan families. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Castle.

The Powell, Yoder and Croan families. - August 31, 2025 at 01:43 PM

TF

“ The Powell, Yoder and Croan families. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Donna Castle.



The Powell, Yoder and Croan families. - August 31, 2025 at 01:43 PM

KC

“ Katrina Castle purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Donna Castle.

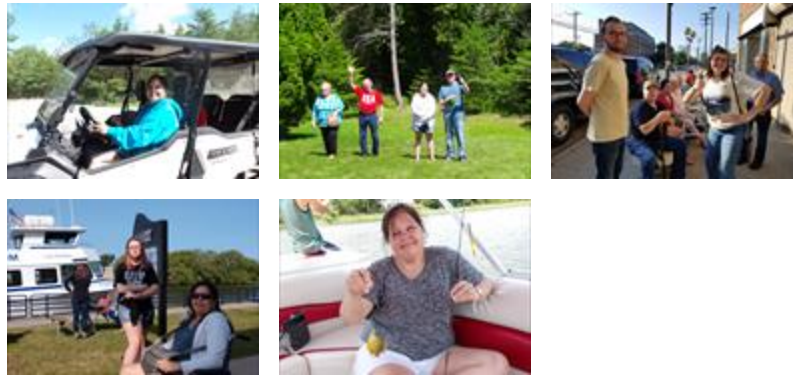


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**Katrina Castle** - August 28, 2025 at 03:46 PM

PK

“ 5 files added to the album The Paul King Family



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**Paul and Brenda King** - August 26, 2025 at 12:21 PM

RC

*Those are some great photos of great memories. Thank you so much!*

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**Ryan Castle** - August 29, 2025 at 06:51 PM

PF

“ Paul and Family & Art and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Castle.

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**Paul and Family & Art and Family** - August 26, 2025 at 11:42 AM

PF

“ Paul and Family & Art and Family purchased the "Cardinals" Black 36" Cylinder Sonnet for the family of Donna Castle.



Paul and Family & Art and Family - August 26, 2025 at 11:42 AM

TF

“ The Holladay family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Castle.

The Holladay family. - August 24, 2025 at 05:07 PM

TF

“ The Holladay family. purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Donna Castle.



The Holladay family. - August 24, 2025 at 05:07 PM

MC

“ When Donna and I were at OU together, her parents gave her a credit card to use for gas. There was a gas station called the Beer barn. (Cheapest gas) Well , Donna’s parents got the credit card statement and saw Beer Barn. Oh my! They thought she was buying kegs, beer, etc She had to convince them it was for gas and when they came to Norman, she had to show them the place. We got quite the laugh about it!

Melissa Nelson (Treadwell in college) - August 23, 2025 at 08:41 AM

RC

*That sounds just like a thing my grandparents would be concerned about haha. Thanks for sharing!*

**Ryan Castle** - August 29, 2025 at 06:50 PM

KP

*“ My sweet niece! You will be missed, but now you are restored to your vibrant self. My love and prayers to Dave, Jeff, Ryan and Sara.*

**Kathie Powell** - August 18, 2025 at 01:17 PM

HH

*“ It is our honor and privilege to serve the Castle family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Donna.*



**Hayhurst Funeral Home** - August 18, 2025 at 09:19 AM