



## Dava JoAnn Anderson

July 23, 1958 - January 31, 2026

Dava JoAnn (Yelton) Anderson, 67, of Bartlesville, passed away Saturday, January 31, 2026, in Tulsa.

Dava was born July 23, 1958, in Frankfurt, Germany, to Harold Dean and Peggy JoAnn (Anderson) Yelton. Coincidentally, Dava's married name was the same name as her mother's maiden name and her middle name was given after her mother's middle name. While in high school she played all the various sports and excelled in them. Dava was also an excellent bowler, earning many awards throughout the early years of her life. She played on a competitive traveling softball team, and her baby sister Tami loved going to those games. Dava was also on the East Cross Church's softball team along with her mother Peggy, and she was a key member of her college bowling team.

Dava graduated from Bartlesville Sooner High School in 1976 and soon after started working as a limousine driver for Phillips 66 in the 1980s. Her work history also includes about 10 years as an owner of a trucking company. Dava truly excelled as a truckdriver. Later, she worked as a customer service representative for many years for Met Life, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, and then later for Avis/Budget in the fleet management department, from which she retired in 2023.

Dava flourished as a facilitator and party planner. She was the family event organizer and leaves big shoes to fill. She could wait until the last minute to plan something and pull it off without a hitch. She was an artful decorator, a fashionista, and would create a wonderful atmosphere for the holidays, which the family were blessed to share together, even though they lived so far apart from each other. The family enjoyed spending numerous vacations together, traveling to San Francisco Bay, taking a tour of eastern Canada, and taking several annual trips to the Iowa Gas Swap Meet in Des Moines. Dava also took more than 20 consecutive trips to the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, where Tami lives.

Dava had a huge heart. She was the caregiver for her parents for the last two decades. She was a very good sister and would have given her family the shirt off her back, although Tami said Dava was extremely artful at pulling off pranks on her little sister. Dava made friends easily and had a lot of them. She was an extraordinary gift giver and could find the most obscure item to give that would tickle the receiver's fancy. Dava loved Mickey Mouse and Disney and possessed an extensive collection of items. She was also a dog lover.

Dava is survived by her loving father, Harold Dean Yelton; sister, Tami Dean Yelton, whose middle name was lovingly given after her father; and longtime family friend, Tammy Kiehne; and numerous extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Peggy JoAnn Yelton, who passed away on March 27, 2025.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, February 12, 2026, at East Cross Church in Bartlesville with Reverend Chad Perceful officiating. Dava's cremains will be inurned between her parent's plots at Nowata Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Davis Family Funeral Home – Dewey Chapel. Online condolences and memories may be shared at

[www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com).

# Cemetery Details

**Nowata Memorial Park Cemetery**

# Previous Events

## **Memorial Service**

FEB 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

East Cross Church  
820 S Madison Blvd  
Bartlesville, OK 74006

# Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dava JoAnn Anderson*



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**Davis Family Funeral Home** - February 11 at 09:58 AM

DY

“ *I am going to miss my wonderful and lovely cousin Dava more than I can express in words alone. This last decade as we were closing in on our retirement years she and Shari made an effort to give me a real feeling of belonging to the Yelton clan. Having moved from Oklahoma at one year old to eventually Las Vegas I didn't get to grow up with all the uncles, aunts, and cousins like everyone else. The reunions changed all that for me and brought me closer to the family. These past few years have provided me with a lot of wonderful memories. Dava became very close after we lost Shari. I am going to miss our long conversations, her infectious laughter, and her always happy and positive demeanor. I already feel lost without her and pray she's looking down on us with the love in her heart that she always showed all of us fortunate to have known her. The video tribute Tami put together is wonderful. Love and miss you Dava. Derrek*

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**Derrek Yelton** - February 11 at 09:37 PM

TF

“ The Wesley Anderson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dava JoAnn Anderson.

The Wesley Anderson Family - February 11 at 10:10 AM

TF

“ The Wesley Anderson Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dava JoAnn Anderson.



The Wesley Anderson Family - February 11 at 10:10 AM

BB

“ Deepest Condolences to the entire Family, please know Tami Yelton is a very deep person in scope with a great deal of wisdom. It is obvious that Tami learned her love of family, traditions and being a true American from Dava. Much Love - Ben Berger

Ben Berger - February 10 at 12:11 PM

KD

“ Karen (Yelton) DeMent purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Dava JoAnn Anderson.



Karen (Yelton) DeMent - February 09 at 12:01 PM

KD

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Karen (Yelton) DeMent - February 09 at 12:01 PM

DY

“ David, Lavah, William, and Andrew Yelton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dava JoAnn Anderson.

David, Lavah, William, and Andrew Yelton - February 07 at 11:21 AM

DY

“ David, Lavah, William, and Andrew Yelton purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dava JoAnn Anderson.



David, Lavah, William, and Andrew Yelton - February 07 at 11:21 AM

GY

“ Greg, Michelle and Amber Yelton purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Dava JoAnn Anderson.



Greg, Michelle and Amber Yelton - February 07 at 07:59 AM

NG

“ I worked with Dava many years at MetLife. She was always kind, fun to be around and one of the nicest people you could meet. I remember seeing the parking meter bank and the smile she had as she explained how her father had made it for her. Dava will surely be missed.

Norma Gates - February 06 at 10:09 PM

DY

“ Derrek and Darice Yelton purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Dava JoAnn Anderson.



Derrek and Darice Yelton - February 06 at 07:46 PM

PE

“ Saddened to hear of Davas passing. We bowled together many years, lots of girl trips to Branson, so much fun. Many great memories.

Patricia Everett - February 06 at 06:35 PM

TF

“ I met Dava through our job at Avis. She quickly became a good and close friend. I enjoyed movies with her every month till she moved to Bartlesville to look after her parents. She was always straight up with her words and so funny. I will miss her but know she is now free from suffering and in heaven. God speed my sweet friend, until we meet up again.

Traci Bezinque Ferguson - February 05 at 09:06 PM