



Debra (Casillas) Gamwell

August 10, 1978 - October 31, 2013

Debra Kay (Casillas) Gamwell, 35, of Bartlesville, went to rest peacefully as God's child in her eternal home and new, perfect body on October 31, 2013 after a long fight with complications from childbirth.

She was born in Tulsa, OK to Lisa Leigh Casillas on August 10, 1978. Debra attended Union High School. She married Daniel Gamwell on May 12, 2007 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Debra lived a vibrant and active life surrounded by family and friends to whom she showed immeasurable love. She was a wonderful mother, wife, and an inspiration to many, encouraging others through exercise, yoga, gardening, cooking and art. Debra was a member of Humble Road Church. Debra is survived by her husband, Daniel and children, Esme, 6, and Ella, 17 months; sister, Jennifer Kuykendall and grandmother Wanda Jones of Tulsa, along with a host of other family members and friends.

Debra was preceded in death by her mother, Lisa Casillas.

In lieu of flowers, donations for her daughters Esme and Ella may be made to the Bank of Oklahoma in the care of Daniel Gamwell. The family will be receiving friends from 6-8 p.m. Monday, November 4, 2013 at the funeral home. Services for Debra will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at the Oklahoma Wesleyan University Chapel with Reverend Jeff Wickham officiating. Internment will be in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Walker-Brown Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *I miss you mom*

Ella - September 19, 2025 at 06:47 PM



“ *Posted by Candis Martin from Penn, New Jersey
Dear family, I am deeply saddened by your devastating loss. We cannot begin to understand the pain that you are experiencing. I know that words could never take away your sorrow. God knows your suffering. He genuinely cares about your broken hearts. (John 5:28) Please know that there will be many family and friends that will support you. I pray that God provide you with the strength to endure and to be comforted by his loving promise of a beautiful future Paradise. (Revelation 21:4,5) My prayers are with your family.
11/12/2013 at 02:17pm*

*Posted by Dennis & Susan Laffin from Broken Arrow , Oklahoma
We were so sorry to hear of Debra's passing. As we pray for her family, we know that God will comfort you and give you strength during this time of mourning. Rev. 21:4
11/13/2013 at 01:59am*

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“ Posted by Barbara Reese from Bartlesville, Oklahoma
Debra was truly a beautiful young mother, inside and out. I remember her from Jazzercise classes, frequently with Esme in her arms. She lit up the room, and her love of her family just radiated. I am so very sad, and pray that her precious family and dear friends will find comfort in happy memories and her legacy of love and strength.

11/04/2013 at 02:29pm

*Posted by Kim Clabough from Bartlesville, Oklahoma
I never knew Debra personally but got to know her through the wonderful stories and memories shared by her family and friends of whom there are many. I believe her legacy of her love, compassion, giving and many other wonderful attributes will most certainly carry on through her family and friends. My thoughts and prayers are with you all in this difficult moment. I know God is holding you close.*

11/04/2013 at 04:54pm

*Posted by Shae Manuel from Bartlesville, Oklahoma
Debra was an amazing woman and one of the strongest woman I have ever met. We did Zumba together and I absolutely loved her role in the "Lovetown" movie. She touched many lives with her infectious smile, her grace, her beauty, love for others. Heaven received a beautiful angel. My prayers are with her husband and beautiful children. May God wrap His arms around the Gamwell family.*

11/04/2013 at 06:13pm

*Posted by Enoch H from Bartlesville, Oklahoma
There is not enough kind words in the English language to describe her. She is with out a doubt one of the best people I have ever been lucky enough to have met. Thank you for helping me in all the ways you did. Its a long list and I will never forget.*

11/04/2013 at 07:35pm

Posted by Donna Childress from Bartlesville, Oklahoma

A beautiful woman and family-My prayers and thoughts are with you and the entire family.

11/04/2013 at 09:03pm

Posted by Stan Wilson from Dewey, Oklahoma

Debra was always a reminder that no matter how tough the battle to always keep the faith trusting in the Lord and do it with a smile on your face. My love and prayers go out to Dan and the family.

11/04/2013 at 10:46pm

Posted by Bill Hollander from Bartlesville, Oklahoma

I met Debra in 2009 when she was a bookkeeper for Robert Boyce's restaurant in the May Brother's building. After the arson of Boyce's restaurant, I questioned Debra and was so pleased with her honest and straightforward answers. She was all about doing what was honest and truthful. I ran into her a few times after that in WalMart etc. and always found her to be a happy and enjoyable person despite her obvious struggles. Heaven has a new angel in it's midst tonight.

11/05/2013 at 01:03am

Posted by CharlesFran McCarthy from Bartlesville, Oklahoma

Sending love and condolences to the whole Gamwell family. Our hearts are heavy for the loss of Debra. We pray that you will know God's comfort and peace during these days and the days ahead.

11/05/2013 at 03:06am

Posted by tony casillas from flower mound, Texas

Daniel, Esme, and Ella, We are so sorry for your loss. Debra was an amazing woman, through it all she was an inspiration, her willingness to fight, and always having that beautiful smile on her face. Honored that I'm her Uncle!! With Much Love

11/05/2013 at 10:57am

Posted by Pat Willard from Bartlesville, Oklahoma

I remember the lovely garden wedding of Daniel and Debra. My sympathy for this loss of a lovely wife and loving mom. My prayers are with your family. Pat

11/06/2013 at 12:06am

*Posted by Angelica Brockman from Bartlesville, Oklahoma
I am sorry for your loss She is now with God.*

11/06/2013 at 01:46am

Posted by Gina Magers from Caney, Kansas

I remember you bouncing around my house as a little girl...always smiling and making everyone else smile. We loved you and your mother very much. I will always miss you but will see you again one day.

11/07/2013 at 03:52pm

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“ Posted by Kristen coverdell from locust grove, Oklahoma
Debra was an amazing woman and one of the strongest people I've ever met. I will never forget Debra and she will always be in my heart. My thoughts and prayers go out to Daniel ,Esme, Ella and the Gamwell family.

10/31/2013 at 09:54pm

Posted by Sr. Benet Dvorak from Tulsa, Oklahoma
Dear Daniel and Family, We are praying for you. We ask God's peace to be with you in this time. We have been honored to know Debra and we love you and your family. Sr. Benet and Staff

11/01/2013 at 08:39pm

Posted by Amber B from Norman, Oklahoma
Such a beautiful woman inside and out! She will be missed greatly by many. Praying for the Gamwell family.

11/02/2013 at 12:03am

Posted by Sabrina Lemons from Inola, Oklahoma
I was blessed to have met Debra, though sadly, only one time. I have seen the way she has touched so many of my dear friends and the amazing impact she made on their lives. I feel privileged to be a part of it even from the outside of the story. My love and hugs go out to her family during this time

11/03/2013 at 04:13am

Posted by Jill Kramer from Bartlesville , Oklahoma
Be thinking of and praying for you all! Debra was such a beautiful and courageous fighter! May God be close to you during this hard time!

11/03/2013 at 05:27am

Posted by Beth VonBuchwald from Bartlesville, Oklahoma
Though I never knew Debra personally, i knew of her strength and faith through the Gamwell family. My prayers are with you for peace and, yes, even blessing from The Lord who walks with us so

compassionately during these times.

11/03/2013 at 05:58am

*Posted by Debbie Cunningham from Bartlesville, Oklahoma
My prayers are with all who loved Debra. Heaven has a brighter
light with this beautiful Angel's arrival. Love to all.*

11/03/2013 at 12:37pm

*Posted by Tabitha Rayl from Bartlesville, Oklahoma
Debra has touched my heart and deep in my soul over the past few
years. It's rare to meet a very genuine person with an always
smiling face, and such a glow about them. She carried herself with
confidence and grace. Such a proud wife and mother. She warmed
up every room she walked into and didn't know a stranger. She
always encouraged me every time I was around her. She was proud
of me and my music and truly made it worth it to minister through
song. When she walked through her health battle, not once did I see
a fake smile...for she was a truly strong woman and the love that
she gave and received made her a crutch to lean on through her
pain. God brings us angels that leave a lasting impression on us
and how we should live. And we only gained an angel in heaven to
meet again one day. Debra you are loved and missed. Thank you
for brightening my world.*

11/03/2013 at 10:30pm

*Posted by Pam Rohrs from Bartlesville, Oklahoma
My Dear Little Esme, what a strong and sweet little girl you are! You
are so very much loved. Keeps the memories in your heart and hold
fast to the day when you will see your mommy again! And I promise
you that she will hold you again! Remember it's okay to be sad, it's
okay to be mad. And at times you may be a little quiet. But you are
a very beautiful little girl on the inside and out and you will go far! I
love your smile and your willingness to help when ever answered!
Love you Esme!*

11/04/2013 at 02:14am

Posted by Margaret Rosales from Wilburton, Oklahoma

Dear Gamwell family- Please know that my thoughts and prayers are for you and your family, especially those precious baby girls. I know this past year has been very difficult and this loss has added to your ongoing grief. It was my pleasure and absolute joy to care for Debra, even though it was for but a brief time. She was an inspiration to those who suffer and always had a bright smile and happy attitude. May your family find peace.

11/04/2013 at 02:11pm

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