



Jennifer Cheriece (Bylsma) Ballew

February 8, 1969 - June 10, 2015

Jennifer Ballew passed away Wednesday, June 10, 2015.

Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 13, 2015 at Spirit Church with Pastor Darryl Wootton officiating. Interment will be in the Ochelata Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Walker-Brown Funeral Home.

Jennifer Cheriece Ballew was born February 8, 1969 in Long Beach, CA to John and Frances (Spradling) Bylsma. She married Christopher Ballew on August 25, 1995 in Boise, ID. Jennifer was a member of Spirit Church. She felt that her calling in life was to be a teacher. After receiving her B.S. Degree in Education from OWU, she achieved her goal by being a math teacher at Caney Valley Public School in Ramona where she was also the high school Cheerleading coach. Jennifer was a devoted wife, mother and daughter.

Jennifer is survived by her husband Chris, son, Christian and daughter, Philicia of Bartlesville along with her mother, Frances Spradling of Ochelata, father, John Bylsma of Topeka, KS and sister, Debbie Gailey of Ochelata. Brothers: David Spradling of South Carolina, Chuck Bylsma of Ochelata, Jonathan Bylsma of Wisconsin, Christopher Bylsma of Albuquerque, NM, Nicholas, Garrett and Benjamin Bylsma of Topeka, KS and sisters; Janeka, Anna Lee and Eden Bylsma of Topeka, KS, numerous nieces, nephews,

beloved relatives and many friends.

Jennifer was preceded in death by her brother, Wesley Bylsma and sister, Philicia Bylsma.

Casket Bearers will be Ryan Malone, Tanner James Sellers, Travis Talbott, Brandon McLaughlin, Erick McLaughlin, Aaron Gailey, Jeremy Gailey.

Tribute Wall



“ Posted by *Monika Lucero from Boise, Idaho*
Chris - My heart has been heavy since I heard of Jennifer's passing. I just wanted you to know that you and your kids have been in my thoughts and my daily prayers and will continue to be. Sending my love from Boise. - Monika °(ツ)° BĪG HŪGŠ
06/15/2015 at 04:22am

Posted by Colleen Delarosa from Boise, Idaho
Our deepest sympathy to the entire Ballew family. We will keep Philicia, Christian and Chris in our prayers. May Jennifer rest in peace. Colleen, Eugene, Andrew and Brooke Delarosa (friend of Philicias) from Boise, Idaho.
06/15/2015 at 05:12pm

Posted by Mindy Duncan from Marrero, Louisiana
I went to college with Jennifer. Such a sweet spirit and so friendly. She will be missed by many. God bless her family and may God's peace be with you.
06/16/2015 at 04:09am

Posted by Charlotte Rutledge from Athens, Georgia
Chris and Family I am so sorry to read about Jennifer, such a beautiful, loving, caring woman. I want to encourage you to stay strong. She touched so many lives and will be deeply missed. Be assured that God is there to comfort and support you. These will help to assure you as you read and meditate on them. Wanted to share some of my favorite that will encourage you. Psalm 62:8; Acts 24:15; Psalm 37:10-11, 29. I will pray for you and the family My sincere sympathy.
06/19/2015 at 04:09pm

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“ Posted by Darryl & Faith Wootton from Bartlesville, Oklahoma
Our prayers are with you. May the God of all comfort surround you
and grant you peace that passes understanding. Love in Christ!
06/12/2015 at 02:23pm

Posted by Monte Anderson from Meridian, Idaho
Chris-- our deepest sympathy and condolences to you and your
family. Your brothers from Idaho.
06/12/2015 at 02:26pm

Posted by Guy Carver from Boise, Idaho
Chris, I do not have the words to express how deeply sorry I am. My
heart goes out to you and your family.
06/12/2015 at 02:47pm

Posted by Jeff and Connie Johnson from Locust Grove , Virginia
Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Jennifer was indeed
a special person; kind, funny and frank are a few words that come
to mind. I know her sweet spirit and humor will be missed, yet not
forgotten.
06/12/2015 at 03:52pm

Posted by Kristi McLaughlin from Ochelata, Oklahoma
This just isn't real to me. I'm so thankful for our times together. You
were truly an amazing person! Thank you for sharing your life with
me. I'm blessed. I will always love and miss you til Heaven reunites
us! Keeping your family in my thoughts and prayers.
06/12/2015 at 05:06pm

Posted by Michele Jordan-Cox from Ramona, Oklahoma
I'm just at a loss for words, but looking at your pictures you always
had that sweet Jennifer smile on your face. I always seen that on
you at School too. I don't think that I can ever recall seeing you not
smile. Even though we were not close friends, but your were and
always be a friend to me. I wasn't very popular in HS. But you
always smiled at me and would say Hi in the hall. Think goodness

for Facebook and that I got to reconnect with you, and if we ran into each other at a HS football game, or around Bartlesville we would visit briefly. Your smile is contagious, you have such a beautiful soul. Truly a amazing beautiful lady. So glad I got to know you as my friend. For all of us that knew you at School and beyond HS we are feeling pain and loss of a sweet beautiful friend. You touched a lot of lives Jennifer. We will miss you sweet friend. I will see you later Jennifer! Rest in Peace Beautiful Lady! My thoughts and prayers are with your family. God Bless!

06/12/2015 at 06:13pm

Posted by Tim Hudson from Bartlesville, Oklahoma

A great loss for sure. I literally didn't want to believe it when I heard. Certainly Jennifer, you made an indelible impression on many lives during the course of yours. You won't be forgotten.

06/12/2015 at 06:42pm

Posted by Brian & Amy Brinker from Kuna, Idaho

Chris and family, we are so sorry to hear about the loss of Jennifer. We are thinking of you in your time of sorrow. Prayers from Idaho!

06/12/2015 at 10:49pm

Posted by Patricia Clay from Boise, Idaho

My thoughts and prayers are with you. A special hug and kiss from Grandma Pat.

06/13/2015 at 12:00am

Posted by Chris Bylsma from Albuquerque, New Mexico

Wish that I could be there today at the service. My time spent with Jennifer was always brightened by her, & it's been moving to see SO MANY testaments of what she meant to those around her. Prayers will be with her family today, & for a long time to come.

06/13/2015 at 04:54pm

Posted by Alison Battles from Chelsea, Oklahoma

Jennifer was a beautiful lady inside and out--her smile is contagious. It was shocking to hear of her passing. So many things I

just don't understand. My prayers for comfort and peace for her family continue and so glad we can look forward to the day we are reunited with our precious loved ones in heaven.

06/14/2015 at 12:01am

Posted by Matt Warwick from Tulsa, Oklahoma

I'll always remember the fun we had in high school and college. You were a terrific woman who built a life that you cherished. May God bless your family in their time of mourning. Although you've been take away from the world far too young, we feel comforted knowing you are in the arms of God. Love ya, Jen.

06/14/2015 at 06:31pm

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“ Posted by Sissy Gage from Bartlesville, Oklahoma
My deepest sympathy for family and close friends.
06/11/2015 at 09:14pm

Posted by Aubree hasting from ramona, Oklahoma
You were the best math teacher and I'm so glad you were always
there when I needed help! Love you and miss you
06/11/2015 at 09:41pm

Posted by Shelby stephens from ramona , Oklahoma
I know I will miss you dearly. You were a mother not just to your
children but to your students and your cheer family. You've inspired
me to work harder so I can make you proud. We (cheerleaders) are
picking up where you left off. I love you and thank you for all you did
06/11/2015 at 09:50pm

Posted by Gordon Elliott from Port Angeles , Washington
Jennifer was and is a wonderful person who will be miss deeply
even though it has been a while since I have seen her I will miss her
a lot my thought and prayers go to the family
06/11/2015 at 10:14pm

Posted by Julia Sumner -Clayton from Sand Springs , Oklahoma
Gone too soon. It just reminds me how precious our time on Earth
is. God bless your family.
06/11/2015 at 10:53pm

Posted by Lisa Griffith from Dewey , Oklahoma
Not sure where to start! We have been 'best' friends through grade
school, Jr high, high school, freshman yr of college, and our
twenties-thirties-forties. So many memories flooding my mind! Just
saw you Friday, asked you about being on next season of 'Dancing
of the Stars.' If ONLY I knew that would be the last time we would
see or speak to each other! I know the emense hole in my heart
now, so I cannot begin to imagine the families feelings. 'It's not what
you take when you leave this world behind you, it's what you leave

behind you when you go!' Randy Travis-3 Wooden Crosses This is not goodbye, this is see you again! Fly high my beautiful sweet friend, fly high!

06/11/2015 at 11:11pm

Posted by Stan Grunewald from Henryetta, Oklahoma

I was so lucky to have ever known you at all! You will always be my friend, and we will both forever be those two little kids running down the hall in the basement of Caney Valley.

06/11/2015 at 11:37pm

Posted by Lee Ann Frakes from La Feria, Texas

My deepest sympathy for everyone in the family. She will be missed . Rest In Peace Jennifer.

06/12/2015 at 12:25am

Posted by Carissa Gosvener from ramona, Oklahoma

She was such a caring, loving woman. I'll miss her and her smile. Such an amazing woman, gone too soon. I love you and miss you already Mrs. Ballew.

06/12/2015 at 12:53am

Posted by Tehya Taykor from Ochelata, Oklahoma

Fly high beautiful I have to leave for my dads tomorrow so I can't come to your funeral and it breaks my heart :(you know I'd be there if I could I love you and miss you so much

06/12/2015 at 12:54am

Posted by Rick Eden from Ramona, Oklahoma

Deepest sympathy and condolences to this young family. Gone way to soon!

06/12/2015 at 01:28am

Posted by Helen Applington from Dewey, Oklahoma

There are no words to express the sadness of this loss for family, friends, students and everyone that knew Jennifer. Prayers for comfort and peace are the best I've got. Rest easy old friend.

06/12/2015 at 02:06am

Posted by Hayden Byard from Bartlesville, Oklahoma

Even though our class only had you for a year you treated us all like family you were the best teacher I could ask for and you were not only a teacher you were a loving mother, coach, aunt, and so on my prayers go out to the family stay strong and celebrate the life of a wonderful woman.

06/12/2015 at 04:40am

Posted by dana harris from vera, Oklahoma

You were a wonderful person and a wonderful teacher. You were one of my daughters (nikki harris) favorites. You will be truly missed. My daughter loved and respected the person you were.

06/12/2015 at 05:05am

Posted by Kailin williams from Ramona, Oklahoma

Loved by many! Wonderful teacher, and a spectacular mother. You will be missed dearly.

06/12/2015 at 07:51am

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