

# Teresa Lynne "Terri" Thompson
## March 8, 1963 – May 27, 2014

Teresa Lynne "Terri" Thompson, 51, died Tuesday, May 27, 2014, at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma, following a long illness. She was surrounded by family and friends.

Terri was born March 8, 1963, in Rolla, Missouri, to R.J. and Joyce Thompson. She began her education at the Missouri School for the Deaf in 1968. After briefly living in Virginia with her family, she moved to South Dakota and graduated from the South Dakota School for the Deaf in 1982.



She attended Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., for one year before moving to Houston, Texas. While working in Texas and Florida and continuing her education, she developed a commitment to social work and serving people with disabilities.

Terri later moved to Bartlesville, Oklahoma, and then to Tulsa. She earned her bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University and became an enthusiastic supporter of OSU sports. At the time of her death, she was pursuing a master's degree in sociology and counseling at Langston University in Tulsa.

Terri was active in the Bartlesville and Tulsa Deaf communities, participating in and organizing many events. Through her community involvement and professional work, she developed many friendships and connections.

She shared special relationships with her cousins, Michael Felker of Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri, and Shelley Mann of Bartlesville; her friends, Dawn Offutt and Beverly Felker of Bartlesville; and her aunts, June Holt, Rita Albers and the late Artha Riley.



1981-82 SDSD Girls' Basketball team. Teresa "Terri" Thompson is kneeling at the far right of the front row.

Her surviving family included her parents, three brothers, one sister, and seven nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother, Joyce; her brother, Kevin; and her grandparents.

Cremation arrangements were handled by Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory in Bartlesville, Oklahoma.