



## Kelli Annette Orr Carden

June 13, 1964 - February 3, 2015

Kelli Annette Orr Carden, age 50, of Bigelow, passed away February 3, 2015, after a courageous battle with cancer, surrounded by her family. She was born June 13, 1964, a daughter of Bill Orr and Pat Hatfield.

Kelli was preceded in death by her twin brother, Kevin Anthony Orr; her father; step-father, Jack Hatfield; great nephew, Thomas Barnett; grandparents, Mildred, Delbert and Ernestine Williams; and Bob and Opal Orr.

She is survived by her husband, Chris Carden and son, Tristen of Bigelow, Arkansas; son, Denver Durham and granddaughter, Chaynler Durham of Conway, Arkansas; daughters, CJ Carden of Bigelow, Arkansas and Megan (Toby) Kraft of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; mother, Pat Hatfield of Perryville, Arkansas; sisters, Kim (Charley) Murphy of Springfield, Missouri and Kerri (Charles) Shackelford of Dallas, Texas; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and friends.

Kelli was known for her independence and attitude of putting on no airs, with Kelli you got what you saw. One of her favorite T-shirts said it well: "I'm not rude...I just say what everyone else is thinking". She will be most remembered by family and friends for her ready smile and willingness to do whatever was needed for those she loved. Kelli assured her Mother that she knew the Lord and her Christian salvation was secure.

Known as a fierce and protective Mama and Gammy, Kelli was a fixture at her boys sporting or school events. Her boys, Denver and Tristen, were the light of Kelli's life and granddaughter, Chaynler, was Kelli's treasure. Soul mate and

husband, Chris, accompanied Kelli in her journey through life and stood by her in life's good times and not so good times. They enjoyed time spent together at Chuckwagon Races, trail rides, cookouts, and sporting and family events.

Kelli's mother, Pat may have summed it up best by acknowledging that Kelli always got the last word, which she is explaining to her brother, Kevin, in Heaven.

Visitation will be Friday, February 6th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Perryville First Baptist Church. Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m. February 7th at Perryville First Baptist Church with Pastors Stanley Wallace and Dr. Stanley officiating, followed by burial at Volman Cemetery in Bigelow, Arkansas. Memorial contributions may be made to Perryville First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kelli Annette Orr Carden*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *Kelli had a smile that would light up the room when she walked in. May God give all of you peace during this time and I love you.*

**Benny and Carolyn Brooks** - June 29, 2018 at 07:38 PM



“ *To the family: Please accept our deepest sympathy. Kelli was such a breath of fresh air. I can't remember a time I saw Kelli that she was not smiling. I appreciated her awesome sense of humor and honesty the most. Her smile was infectious and she was willing to share it with everyone. You all will be in our continued prayers in the days and weeks ahead.*  
*With love, Tracy and Jeff Kendrick*

**Tracy Wougamon Kendrick** - June 29, 2018 at 07:38 PM



“ *Kelli was a beautiful, kind, genuine person, a real friend.*

**Kelly Rigney** - June 29, 2018 at 07:38 PM

DL

“ Dear Family, I have loved you all dearly since I became part of family 20+ years ago. All through the years you have all been there for me and Devon through good and bad. My memories of Kelli consist of family commitment. Most memorable is when Kerri would come home from Texas and we were all there Kelli and Kerri would pile up at night in same bed to catch up on sister talk. They were grown and married. That never mattered to Kelli. She stayed at Pats (mom) the whole time they were home. She also loved us all unconditionally. She was a great mother, grandmother, wife, sister, daughter, and aunt. You Kelli were an inspiration to me to become a better person. I love you!

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**Deanna Leach** - June 29, 2018 at 07:38 PM

MF

“ Praying for all of you.

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**miki fason** - June 29, 2018 at 07:38 PM

DC

“ My deepest heart felt thoughts and prayers to her and her family.

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**Doug Curtis** - June 29, 2018 at 07:38 PM

LR

“ Guys I will sure miss Kelli, There is nothing I can say in this time but I love ya'll and sending prayers...

*You are in my heart,*

*Lesia Reeves*

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**Lesia Reeves** - June 29, 2018 at 07:38 PM

CM

“ Oh Kelli how u will be missed. I have always loved your humor and your laugh. The children u raised are wonderful examples of how u loved in this world, unconditionally. U will be missed my friend.

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**casey jo Myers** - June 29, 2018 at 07:38 PM

BR

“ To the family, Roger and I are so sorry for your loss. Our hope is that God will bring you comfort in this time of great sorrow!

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**Bonnie Ray** - June 29, 2018 at 07:38 PM

PT

“ Praying for your family and that you will find comfort in this difficult time.

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**Phil and Cola "Boshears" Thomas** - June 29, 2018 at 07:38 PM

CA

“ So sorry, Pat and Family. Thoughts are with you

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**Carroll W Allison** - June 29, 2018 at 07:38 PM

BD

“ Chris & family: I am so sorry for your loss. I wasn't around Kelli a lot but the few times I was there's nothing I remember more than her beautiful smile and her welcoming way. The last time I talked to her was at a ballgame...we sat on the bleachers and talked and talked. She had a way of making everyone feel like they were her close friend. May God's peace carry all of you !!

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**Barbara DePriest** - June 29, 2018 at 07:38 PM

VJ

“ Kelly will remain in our thoughts as a fun, sweet girl who laughed a lot and enjoyed life. We shared many times at our house in Perryville with Kelly and Susan doing what young girls do. We expect to see her again in heaven when we arrive. We love you, Kelly! We are praying for Chris, Tristian, Denver, Pat, Kerry and Kim.

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**Viola and Bob Johnson** - June 29, 2018 at 07:38 PM

GR

“ Such a smile that warmed the heart, Prayers for all of you and turn to God for comfort and celebrate with all the memories.

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**Gary and Kathy Rankin** - June 29, 2018 at 07:38 PM

BD

“ Please know, you all are in our thoughts and prayers. Kelli was such a sweet lady. She had the best smile.

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**Brenda Short Duvall** - June 29, 2018 at 07:38 PM

TB

“ Kelli's Family,  
She was my sisters best friend, so that made her very special to me. Good times are never forgotten. I am broken because she didn't win this battle. You will be missed my friend. Your family is in my thoughts and prayer.

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**Teresa & Roger Branch** - June 29, 2018 at 07:38 PM

DL

“ May Peace be with you and all the family. The Loyd's...

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**dawn loyd** - June 29, 2018 at 07:38 PM

KG

“ To ALL the family, You are in my thoughts and prayers. Kelli ALWAYS had a smile on her face. She was a VERY SWEET lady. She will be missed by many.

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**Kerri Growns** - June 29, 2018 at 07:38 PM

LE

“ Kelli May she rest in peace. She was loved by all. Her out standing smile could brighten even the worst of days. She will be sorely missed by all, who knew and loved her. May we all find comfort in our fond memories of her and knowing that she is home with God.

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**Lisa (McDougal) Eytcheson** - June 29, 2018 at 07:38 PM

KH

“ My deepest heartfelt condolences goes out to all of you because this is an unbelievable tragedy to have happened to such an undescrivable person. If all people were like Kelli this world would be so much better off. She was above and beyond the word of Mother, Grandmother and wife.

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**Kristy Baker Havard** - June 29, 2018 at 07:38 PM

JC

“ We wish to send our sympathy to you knowing that Kelli will be dearly missed. She was a very sweet lady who always seemed to have a smile on her face. She was at every ballgame we can remember when the boys were playing. Our prayers are with you.

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**Jim, Vonda, and Ben Clark** - June 29, 2018 at 07:38 PM

MM

“ I can't remember a time when I didn't know Kelli. She was one of my first friends. I am praying for God to grant peace and comfort to her family at this time.

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**Martha (Caldwell) McClure** - June 29, 2018 at 07:38 PM

CB

“ She had the beautiful smile, I don't remember her not smiling. She will be missed! Praying for family especially Chris @ her children, through this difficult time.

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**Candy Oaks Bogle** - June 29, 2018 at 07:38 PM

ST

“ Your gentle spirit and sweet smile touched my heart. It was easy to love you. It didn't hurt that you could handle Chris and make him an awesome person too. You will always be one of my favorite people and I will miss you dearly.

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**Shirley Tipton** - June 29, 2018 at 07:38 PM

DL

“ I love and miss you still. Beautiful angel!!!

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**deanna leach** - June 29, 2018 at 07:38 PM

KQ

“ I can tell by her smile that her presence lit up the room! My deepest sympathies to her mother, Keri and all the people that Kelli touched their lives and May God watch over her children.

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**Kathy Quillin** - February 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear family: you are in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you.*

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