



## Jana Dee Kelley

December 18, 1939 - May 24, 2021

Jana Dee Kelley, 81, of San Diego, California. Died peacefully May 24, 2021, in her home following a short battle with lung cancer. "Dee Dee" was born in Gentry, AR on December 18, 1939, to Edward C and Elizabeth F Davis Kelley. Jana Dee graduated from Gentry High School in 1957 and went on to the University of Arkansas where she earned a Bachelors degree in Science in Home Economic Education and Dietetics. After an Internship in Indianapolis and job opportunities in Tulsa, New Orleans, Joplin, and Columbia MO, she then obtained her Master of Science in Food Systems Management from Colorado State University. She worked as a Clinical Instructor then went on to become a Dietetic Internship Director for the Veterans Administration Health Care System.

Jana was an incredible woman who lived her life to the fullest and on her own terms. Jana was a member of the Lions Club of Scripps Ranch, and President of the Lions Club from 2006- 2007. Through the Lions Club she wrote the proposal for funds to the club, which were to be used during a medical mission. Jana also served as a communion server at Hope United Methodist Church where she reflected the love of Jesus by the things she said and how she lived her life.

She loved to travel. She loved her family and friends, her two little doggies Mimi and JoJo, coffee and wine and trips to the beach among many things.

She had a huge heart and loved well and received that love 10-fold from all those around her.

Jana Dee is survived by all nieces and nephews, each and every generation she loved like they were her own. While she may be gone, she will certainly never be forgotten, and her memory will remain with generations to come.

A graveside service is planned for July 2, 2021, at 10 am at the Dickson Cemetery, Gentry Arkansas.

# Cemetery Details

## Dickson Cemetery

Dickson Cemetery  
Gentry, AR 72734

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUL 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

KF

“ *Jana, you were more than a friend, you were family. I can still see your smile lighting up a whole room. You were at my wedding, family celebrations, and for my children's birthdays, always smiling.*

*You were there for Naomi in her time of need, this meant so much to me and our family. I cannot thank you enough for your love and support when I was sick. I love you, I miss you.*

*Karina Flynn*



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**Karina Flynn** - June 28, 2021 at 12:43 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Jana Dee Kelley.*



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June 28, 2021 at 12:07 AM

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“ *Dee Dee, I'm crying for you as I write this. You were a wonderful classmate and friend. Go, Pioneers! With love, Wayne Jordan*

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**Wayne Jordan** - June 23, 2021 at 10:16 PM

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“ *Dee Dee was a classmate in Gentry, a roommate in Tulsa, a bridesmaid in my wedding and a dear friend for many years. I have many fond memories from those years and the class reunions she always tried to attend. One special memory I have is of the summer of 2006 when three former Gentry girls boarded an airplane headed for San Diego . Bettie, Connie and I spent about a week with Dee and it was one long slumber party. She was the perfect hostess with delicious food that she prepared, restaurants and sightseeing and attending church with her: another special day was when she took us to visit Wayne and Cheryl Reynolds in Highland, CA - nothing was left out. "We Will Have These Moments to Remember" Thank you for loving your friends and allowing us to love you.*

*Argie Lynn (Barbee) Willis*

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**Argie Willis** - June 23, 2021 at 07:15 PM