



## Diane Sousa Reece

September 26, 1965 - March 22, 2021

Diane Sousa (Burroughs) Reece, 55, of Gore, OK was born September 26, 1965 in San Jose, CA to Jim and Teresa (Maciel) Bettencourt and received her eternal reward, Monday, March 22, 2021 at her home with her family by her side. Diane graduated high school and chose a career in childcare. Her love for children led her to Wonderland Daycare in Fort Gibson, where she served as Office Manager. Diane retired from childcare in 2020. She met and later married her best friend, Donald W. Reece, on May 22, 1988 in Henderson, Nevada. Diane loved the outdoors, tended a beautiful garden, and always wanted to live off the grid. She was an avid hunter and fisherwoman. Diane is preceded in death by her son, Daniel Reece and her step-father, Doyle Burroughs. Those left to cherish her memory are her husband, Donald of the home; her children, Dylan J. Reece of Stillwater, OK; Brittany N. Reece, Dalton K. Reece, Dacey A. Reece, Dawa A. Reece and Dustin J. Reece all of Gore, OK; her father, Jim P. Bettencourt of Morgan Hill, CA; her mother, Teresa Burroughs of Checotah, OK; siblings, Steven Burroughs of Midwest City, OK; Fredrick Burroughs of Muskogee, OK; Evelyn Stevenson of Euless, TX; and James S. Bettencourt of Morgan Hill, CA. A visitation will be held Thursday, March 25, 2021 at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson, with the family receiving friends, 5PM-7PM. A service celebrating Diane's life will be 11AM Friday, March 26, 2021 at the First Pentecostal Church of God in Fort Gibson, OK with David and Tonna Jones officiating. Committal prayers and interment will follow at Citizens Cemetery with Dylan Reece, Dalton Reece, Dustin Reece, Zach Burroughs, Cody Burroughs, Steven Burroughs, and Shawn Burroughs serving as casket bearers.

The family of Diane Sousa Reece has entrusted her care, services and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Fort Gibson, OK. 918-478-2555. Online condolences may be left for the family at [cliffordddgarrettfamilyfh.com](http://cliffordddgarrettfamilyfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Family Visitation

MAR **25.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home (Fort Gibson)  
1224 E Poplar St  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434  
(918) 478-2555

## Celebration of Life

MAR **26.** 11:00 AM (CT)

First Pentecostal Church of God  
305 S. W. Railroad St  
Fort Gison, OK 74434

# Tribute Wall



“ *Diane Sousa Reece*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



*Did she work in childcare (health and human services) in Marinette Wisconsin?*

**Jeff** - October 27, 2025 at 10:48 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of her passing. I remember Diane always having a smile. We played softball together back in high school. My sincerest sympathies. Prayers of peace and comfort for her loved ones*

**Jackie** - March 25, 2021 at 09:56 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Diane Sousa Reece.*



March 25, 2021 at 03:06 PM



“ *88 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home** - March 25, 2021 at 12:24 PM

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“ Ben & Phyllis Stretch, Gayle Pottle, Kurt Stretch & Families purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Diane Sousa Reece.



Ben & Phyllis Stretch, Gayle Pottle, Kurt Stretch & Families - March 25, 2021 at 09:49 AM

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“ My friend! What a true statement that is. Her love was contagious. Her friendship pure. Love radiated out from her and flowed upon whom ever she was around. I loved her and I'm going to miss her. I know without a shadow of doubt she's dancing around the throne room of God, healed. Until the day God calls me home, keep watching over us my friend.

Peggy Sprinkles - March 24, 2021 at 04:55 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Diane Sousa Reece.



March 24, 2021 at 02:13 PM

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“ My mama was literally so perfect to me, she's taught me so much in life especially how to be a mother. I cherish every moment spent with her and I cannot wait to be with her again. I love you, mama. ❤️

Brittany Reece - March 24, 2021 at 12:32 AM



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March 23, 2021 at 10:33 PM