



## Marquitta Howard

April 10, 1951 - December 7, 2008

Funeral services for Marquitta "Ketta" Anne Howard will be 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 11, 2008, at the Aline Methodist Church with Rev. Scott Heusel officiating. Interment will be in the Lone Star Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Marquitta Anne Howard, daughter of the late Cecil Thompson, Jr. and Frances Mildred Thompson, was born April 10, 1951, at Alva, Oklahoma, and passed away December 7, 2008, at Alva, Oklahoma, at the age of 57 years, 7 months, and 27 days.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Michael Howard.

Marquitta graduated from Alva High School and later received her Associates Degree in Medical Office Management from Blinn College in Brenham, Texas. On November 11, 2000, she was united in marriage to Michael Howard in Nevada. She was employed for Alfalfa County Department of Human Services.

She enjoyed all things electronic, especially computers, playing cards, and loved all animals, especially her dog, Juneau.

Marquitta is survived by two children, Robert Allen and wife, Maggie, of Chicago, Illinois, and Tara Ruiz and husband, Cris, of Sealy, Texas; two sisters, Beverly Allen and husband, Nelson, of Enid, Oklahoma, and Tona Jebbia and husband, Steve of Dallas, Texas; and one brother, Tim Thompson and wife, Carla, of Richmond, Virginia; four grandchildren, Seth and Morgan

Allen of Bryan, Texas, and Erik and Derik Ruiz of Sealy, Texas; several nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the American Heart Association.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Marquitta Howard*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *To the friends and family of Marquitta. I was trying to locate her and came across her obituary. I wanted you to know what a difference she made in my life though we only met once. We sat next to each other on a plane. I was flying to Oklahoma for the funeral of my father-in-law. I had been separated from my husband for almost 2 year and we had just reconciled over the phone. He had a flight down to Houston to see me the following Weds and his father died unexpectedly on Tues. We reversed the ticket and I was physically and emotionally exhausted when I met Marquitta. She was so kind and helpful. We talked as if we&d been friends all of our lives. We found that we shared the same wedding anniversary. She gave me a lotta love and advice and good wishes in that short amount of time. We both felt our meeting was no coincidence. My husband and I put our marriage back together and we now have 2 grandboys we enjoy. I am so thankful to have met Marquitta and know I will see her again. My belated but sincerest condolences and love to all who were a part of her life.*

**Lisa Remington** - June 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *bev, i am so terribly saddened to hear of the loss of ketta, especially at such a young age.i know how hard it is to lose someone you love so dearly. jeannie sent me the sad news. we know she&s up there with her parents and those she loved. i will keep you in my prayers.*

**wanda reed** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Bev, Tona & Tim: We were shocked to hear of your loss of Marquita. It couldn't have been her time to go at such a young age. Someone upstairs must have needed some good help. Our prayers and thoughts go out to all of you, Dale & Cindy

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Dale Bliss - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Ketta, Hearing of your death has brought back so many happy memories. I was 10 when you were born, and being an only, I had always wanted a baby sister. I think I pretended you were that one. I always looked forward to your visits at the farm, even if you did give me chicken pox and named me "Gaggie". (I guess you just couldn't handle those "s&s", oh well I forgave you). I also had great times visiting Grands Thompsons, living next door to you where I could easily slip next door and play with you and Bev. You were my little dolls. I'd play with you, dress you and fix your hair (which I don't think either of you especially liked). I loved our trips to Joyland. We always worried about you sitting so close to the TV, afraid you would ruin your eyes. Little did we know you had to sit that close to see it. Think you got your glasses before you went to school. Then as years passed you were older, I went to college and Grandpa gave you my beloved Monty. I was a bit jealous at first, but realized he had someone who rode the daylights out of him and loved him as much as I. Your life has certainly been an ups and downs journey, but am so thankful you found the love of your life in Mike. Although your years were short with him, the quality you had made up for it. I wish you had written a book about all the two of you did and saw in your years on the road. I only got to know your children through you, but I know they had the most loving mother children could have. I will always remember your sweet, sweet smile, and just as everything was beautiful to you here on earth.....it will be more so on the other side to which you have now crossed. May God keep you in his tender care, my beloved cousin.

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Sharon Harris - December 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ *Bob and Maggs, I just wanted to extend my condolences for your loss.*

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**Patryk Rurek** - December 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *Bob and Gosia, We are very sorry about your Mom&s passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Lucyna Rurek (Mom) and Angela Tluczek (Babcia)*

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**Lucyna Rurek** - December 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *Our thoughts are with you. So sorry we couldn&t be there. Our prayers go out to you.*

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**Roy & Sandy Harlan** - December 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CV

“ *Bev - I really appreciated the phone call even if it was to relay to overwhelming news of Ketta&s passing. (To you all) Although no words can really help to ease the loss you feel, just know that you are very close in every thought and prayer. She was loved greatly and will be missed by all who knew her. Cristi, Reg, Mallory & Shelby*

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**Cristi Bliss Valerius** - December 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Beverly, Tim and Tona, Best anecdotal version of Ketta&s untimely demise I heard: She loved horses, and probably died smiling. I was told she was riding when God snatched her. What a way to go, Girl!! Here, God, you take the reins. Our condolences. Con & Ana*

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**Con Bliss** - December 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Bev, Tona, Tim and all: I&m so very sorry to hear about Ketta&s death. Know that she enjoyed her life here and walks with angels today. My prayers are with you.

Sandy Bliss Wimmer - December 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Tona & Tim, You and your entire family are in my thoughts and prayers. Losing someone at such a young age really makes you think about how precious each day is. Please take care and travel safely when you head back home. Love always! Shelly

Shelly Koblitz - December 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ Dear Tona & Steve, Howard and I just want to extend our condolences to you in the unexpected loss of your sister. Phyllis Schulman

Howard & Phyllis Schulman - December 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I was so sorry to hear about Marquita&s passing. It&s tough to give up a loved one anytime & especially during the Holidays. Memories of the happy times you&ve had will help heal the pain of your loss. My thoughts & prayers are with all of you. God be with you.

Jeanne (Vincent) Winn - December 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Beverly, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Marquita. I remember her as being your cute little sister that we teased so much and how quickly she learned to give back as good as she got. May God bless you. Darlene

Darlene "Quinn" Monroe - December 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ dear tona, and timmy, i am sorry to hear of the loss of your sister.  
may god be with you both. my prayers are with you.

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**raymond knabe** - December 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM