



## Tessa Lyn Martin

April 3, 1975 - December 7, 2021

Tessa Lyn Martin (George), age 46, passed peacefully on December 7th, 2021 at St. Francis Hospital South in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She was surrounded by her loving family.

Tessa was born on April 3rd, 1975 in Fairview, Oklahoma to Rick and Cheryl George and was raised by her parents in Waynoka, Oklahoma with her little brother, Kyle. She graduated from Waynoka High School in 1993 where she was a straight-A student and excelled at sports, especially basketball. In 1997, Tessa graduated from Oklahoma State University with a degree in Accounting. Shortly after finishing school, she received her CPA license in Iowa and was later licensed in Oklahoma as well. Tessa worked successfully as an accountant from 1997 until she became ill in February of 2013. Prior to her illness, Tessa worked for John Deere, Nestle Purina and had been recently named CFO of Stillwater National Bank.

Tessa married her high school sweetheart, Clay Martin, on December 13th, 1997 at the First Baptist Church in Waynoka. The two met when Tessa was in just the 4th grade. Clay always tells the true story of seeing Tessa for the first time as a grade schooler and coming home that day to announce to his mother, "I saw the girl I'm going to marry someday". At the time of her passing, Tessa and Clay were just 6 days shy of their 24th wedding anniversary. Tessa and Clay were blessed with two sons during their

marriage, Garrick, 20, and Ryker, 15, and raised their boys in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Tessa was a beautiful, loving, nurturing, talented, and fiercely courageous person. Her passion for her beloved Alma Mater, Oklahoma State University, was surpassed only by her love for her family and friends. Tessa was made to be a mother. Her boys were her energy, her focus, her joy, and the greatest treasures in her life.

Tessa enjoyed decorating for the holidays, crafting, scrapbooking, gardening, eating at great restaurants, hanging out with her extensive friend groups, spending time with her family, and she loved country music. Her most beloved pastime was attending OSU sporting events and events for our boys. She was always decked from head-to-toe with the school's colors, had a button or shirt with her boys' names or numbers on it, and was one of the loudest voices heard when she cheered. The only games she ever missed were due to her illness. Even on days that she struggled, she still made it to the stands.

Tessa fought a courageous 8 year battle against multiple illnesses. Even in the midst of seemingly insurmountable circumstances, she maintained a positive attitude and an incredible will to live. Tessa spent her final days surrounded by and enjoying the company of family and friends.

Family and friends are invited to attend a celebration of life gathering on Saturday, December 18th at 1:00pm at the Multipurpose Building next to the Waynoka High School in Waynoka, Oklahoma. The address is 2134 Lincoln St., Waynoka, OK 73860.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made through the funeral home to the Fallen Railroader Scholarship. Please make checks payable to Clay Martin and note in the memo that the funds are for the

scholarship. Donations can also be made via Venmo @William-Martin-498 or the Cash App at \$payday4clay. Please add in the memo that the funds are for the scholarship.

Tessa loved OSU, especially OSU football. In honor of Tessa's passion for her Alma Mater, the family asks that you wear orange gameday gear, something orange, or your "I Wear Orange for Tessa" T-shirt.

# Cemetery Details

## Waynoka Municipal Cemetery

Waynoka, OK

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 18. 1:00 PM (CT)

Waynoka School  
2134 Lincoln  
Waynoka, OK 73860

# Tribute Wall



“ *Tessa Lyn Martin*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memorial Service*



**Marshall Funeral Homes** - December 20, 2021 at 01:19 PM

BV

“ *Brendan and Erica VanDorn purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Tessa Lyn Martin.*



**Brendan and Erica VanDorn** - December 16, 2021 at 11:49 AM

PP

“ *Clay - Our thoughts and prayers for your family in this tough times. God Bless !*

**Prabhakaran Palanisamy** - December 16, 2021 at 08:38 AM

AS

“ *Extending my heartfelt condolences to the Martin family. You are all in our family's thoughts and prayers.*

**Alex and Catherine Striegel** - December 15, 2021 at 06:59 PM

TF

“ So sorry for your loss Martin family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Tom Fronk - December 15, 2021 at 05:14 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Tessa Lyn Martin.



December 15, 2021 at 04:11 PM

CN

“ Caterpillar BCP Team in NC purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Tessa Lyn Martin.



Caterpillar BCP Team in NC - December 15, 2021 at 03:31 PM

CC

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. While having not met Tessa we've known Clay for may years while he's been doing design work for us at Caterpillar and we are very sorry to hear about the loss of his beloved wife. God Bless you. Regards, Calvin Camp

Calvin Camp - December 15, 2021 at 03:27 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Video Tribute



Marshall Funeral Homes - December 15, 2021 at 10:34 AM



“ Please accept my deepest sympathy in the awful loss of Tessa. It seems unreal and unlikely that one so loved and so unselfish would be gone from the family circle. May God be with the family and bring them comfort and peace. - Sandie Olson

Sandie Olson - December 14, 2021 at 08:00 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Tessa Lyn Martin.



December 14, 2021 at 01:48 PM



“ Brenda Martin lit a candle in memory of Tessa Lyn Martin



Brenda Martin - December 12, 2021 at 08:20 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tessa Lyn Martin.*



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December 11, 2021 at 03:21 PM



“ *Cathy King lit a candle in memory of Tessa Lyn Martin*



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**Cathy King** - December 11, 2021 at 01:18 PM



“ *<a href="https://www.marshallfuneralhomes.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518"; target="\_blank">Memorial Trees</a> was purchased for the family of Tessa Lyn Martin.*

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December 11, 2021 at 11:31 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Tessa Lyn Martin.*



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December 11, 2021 at 09:05 AM

LB

“ Tessa was such a beautiful, bright little girl in Kindergarten when I was her teacher in Waynoka. She had a beautiful smile and such a cute personality. I watched her grow into a wonderful person as a wife and mother. Prayers for comfort for the family.



Leota Betts - December 11, 2021 at 01:04 AM

KR

“ Kathryn Racette lit a candle in memory of Tessa Lyn Martin



Kathryn Racette - December 10, 2021 at 07:14 PM



“ Rick & family, Heart-filled condolences in the loss of your daughter! There's no pain like the loss of a child! May special memories warm your hearts & help fill the void!



DaleVaughna Schmidt - December 10, 2021 at 03:14 PM

KA

So sorry for the loss of your daughter praying for all the family this is so hard to expect & it always be with you

katharina Arndt - December 10, 2021 at 08:31 PM

KA

So sorry for the lost of your daughter sending prayers to all of your family it's a loss you will never get over she will always be in your heart

katharina Arndt - December 10, 2021 at 08:37 PM

SB

*I miss you all the time my beautiful Tessa. I love you.*

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**Sherry Belleau** - December 09, 2024 at 03:37 PM