



## Malena Gayle Stephens

December 19, 1977 - April 10, 2024

Malena G. Stephens, age 46, of Grove, OK passed away on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, in Tulsa, OK after several months of medical issues.

Malena was born on December 19, 1977, to Jerry and Vicky (Cooper) Strain in Gardner, KS.

She grew up and graduated from High School in Paola, Ks.

Malena worked in housekeeping at Betty Ann Nursing Home and will be missed by her co-workers there.

Playing cards and coloring were some of Malena's favorite past times. Her outgoing and friendly personality gained her many friends. She will be remembered as a spitfire with a contagious smile that could light up a room and will be dearly missed by all who loved her.

She was preceded in death by mother and brother, Rob Strain.

Left to cherish Malena's memory, the love of her life and fiancé', Eric Taylor, her father, Jerry Strain and sister, Haley Strain, 2 nieces, Allie Strain and Evelyn Armstrong.

A Memorial Service for Malena will be held at 4pm on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at Nichols-Stephens Funeral Chapel.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR **23**. 4:00 PM (CT)

Nichols-Stephens Funeral and Cremation Service  
10201 U.S. Highway 59  
Grove, OK 74344  
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# Tribute Wall

CU

“ Christine Underwood purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Malena Gayle Stephens.



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**Christine Underwood** - April 16, 2024 at 06:45 PM

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“ Christine Underwood planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Malena Gayle Stephens.

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“ Coty and Haley purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Malena Gayle Stephens.



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**Coty and Haley** - April 16, 2024 at 05:23 PM

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**Coty and Haley** - April 16, 2024 at 05:23 PM

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“ Art,Becky & Faythe purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Malena Gayle Stephens.



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**Art,Becky & Faythe** - April 12, 2024 at 07:30 PM

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“ Art,Becky & Faythe planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Malena Gayle Stephens.

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**Art,Becky & Faythe** - April 12, 2024 at 07:30 PM

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“ My beautiful sister where do I begin? You were my best friend from day one. You were always the cool, fun, adventurous sister and I couldn't wait to spend time with you. When I was little I remember you always taking me the skating rink, or driving around dancing to music. One time we jumped in a pond when it was cold outside because we always had to double dare contest.. We would bicker all the time because we both were stubborn and had to be right, even if both of us was wrong! LOL The memories go on forever and I will cherish them all. You were my other half and I'm not sure what I'm going to do now but miss you so much! I'm glad you're at peace and with our brother Rob. Rest easy love I'll see you soon. ❤️

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**Haley Strain** - April 12, 2024 at 05:06 PM

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“ *I remember the day I met you for the first time, you welcome me to the family with open arms, and I will never forget all the love and silliness you spreaded everywhere you went. Miss you so much and love you see you on the other side.*

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**Diane cooper** - April 12, 2024 at 09:19 AM