



Courtney Leigh Grover

January 12, 1977 - February 12, 2026

After a lifelong challenge with diabetes, Courtney Leigh Grover passed away at the age of 49 on February 10th, 2026. She was born on January 12th, 1977, to Robert and Marilyn Watson in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Courtney was very involved in athletics, playing varsity basketball and soccer at Tulsa Union High School. She graduated in 1995 and continued her education with a scholarship to play basketball at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College in Miami, Oklahoma. There, she met her future husband, Darin Richard Grover. She then transferred to Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma. She graduated from OSU in 1999. Go Pokes!

Courtney and Darin were married on December 22nd, 2001, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. They were married 24 years at the time of her passing. Courtney believed her greatest accomplishment was the birth of her two wonderful children, Sydney in 2006 and Case in 2012.

She began her career in education at Joplin High School in 2002. After working in Joplin for a year, she moved to Miami High School to teach and become head girls' soccer and basketball coach. She led her team to the

2004 Oklahoma State Basketball Tournament. After brief teaching stops in Pottsboro, Texas and Dickson, Oklahoma, she found her work home at Durant Public School for the rest of her career.

Over the years, Courtney impacted hundreds of students as an educator, making “the best teacher I’ve ever had” a common phrase. She flourished as a teacher in her Oklahoma State-themed classrooms, brightening days through laughter and sarcasm. Dog-petting pit stops were a must, and the neighborhood dogs always knew where to find treats. Her love of the ocean made family beach vacations non-negotiable. She loved her pool, hated rudeness, craved Tex-Mex, and dreaded the end of the Christmas season. Courtney’s passion for her dogs was legendary, believing everybody should rescue a fur-baby. Above all, her pride for her children was beyond measure. She often told Darin, “We raised two perfect kids.” This statement, while clearly exaggerated, thoroughly demonstrates the love she had for her children.

Courtney is preceded in passing by her father Robert Watson and her mother-in-law Beverly Grover.

She is survived by her husband, Darin Grover, and her two children, Sydney Kay Grover and Case Richard Grover. She is also survived by her mother, Marilyn Watson of Broken Arrow, OK, her two sisters, Stacie Clarke and her husband Kelly of Pryor, Oklahoma and Amy Watson Ennis and Jeffrey Gage of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Additionally, her father in-law James Grover of Miami, Oklahoma, her sister in-law Jamee Combs and her husband Tim of Inola, Oklahoma, sister in-law Dr. Kenda Grover and Dr. Tom Whiteside of Fayetteville, Arkansas, brother in-law Dr. Dustin Grover and his wife Elsie of

Miami, Oklahoma, along with many nieces and nephews.

The Celebration of Life for Courtney Grover will be held at a future date.

Services are under the direction of Brown's Durant Funeral and Cremation Service.

Tribute Wall

M.

“ As countless others will share, Mrs. Grover was my sixth grade science teacher and made a rough time for me -- and many other kids -- in those years, lovely for those few hours a week. Without her support, I wouldn't have made it to where I am today, and I really can't emphasize enough how shared of an experience this is among the kids I shared her class with. She made an impact on so many young lives.

M.H.N. - February 21 at 12:25 AM

LP

“ Lisa P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Courtney Leigh Grover.

Lisa P. - February 20 at 12:29 PM

LP

“ To the Watson and Grover Families: I am so sorry to hear about Courtney's passing. But she definitely left a wonderful career and family as her legacy! I loved coaching ALL the Watson girls! Courtney gave me some great memories, as she could always make me laugh or smile during a game. I feel honored to have crossed paths with her in my lifetime. My love and prayers are with you all! Lisa (Cole) Palmer

Lisa Palmer - February 20 at 12:27 PM

BW

“ Mrs. grover was my 7th grade science teacher, i had her class and i thought it was the best class ever. she was my favorite teacher ive ever had, she definitely made the learning experience way better each and every day. I could have walked into her class having a bad day and walk out laughing. she will be forever missed

brayllan whittington - February 19 at 05:31 PM

AF

“ Coach Grover was my HS soccer coach at Miami for a few years!! She was a fierce woman and will be greatly missed. I am so sorry to hear of her passing.

Amanda Fietz - February 19 at 08:04 AM

DP

“ I can't tell you what Courtney's friendship has meant to me over the years. We met when she knocked on my door and asked me if it was OK if she sat and played with Aggie Marie (my pup). We spent countless evenings sitting in the driveway, talking the night away. We enjoyed each other's company and she will be truly missed. I love you Courtney Grover. 🙏🏻🙏🏻🙏🏻

Debbie Pittman - February 18 at 10:15 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Courtney Leigh Grover.



February 18 at 09:07 PM

CG

“ I keep feeling the need to talk to Courtney about all this! She was a coworker and also taught my own child and we all loved her. She is irreplaceable and we will never forget her. I will always remember what classrooms she taught in at DIS. I am so sorry our school community and her family have suffered this great loss.

Carrie Gosne - February 18 at 07:26 PM



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EG

“ Our hearts are truly broken over the loss of such a wonderful sister-in-law. She absolutely adored her two amazing children (Sydney and Case), and her love for them was always so clear to anyone who knew her. She also loved her husband, Darin (who she would often remind me that she chose the better twin). We will deeply miss her great laugh, kindness, and big heart. Elsie

Elsie Grover - February 18 at 01:09 PM

SH

“ Courtney was one of my sweet fur baby friends, we loved to visit all about our animals, I will miss her so much! Sharon Hewitt

Sharon Hewitt - February 18 at 12:52 PM