



## Kristin Lumley

November 18, 1974 - January 30, 2025

Kristin Lynn Lumley was born in Yakima, WA on November 18, 1974. She left her physical body, surrounded by family, on January 30, 2025, at Medical City Hospital in Dallas, Texas. Kristin, and her daughter Sierra, moved from Yakima, WA to Pottsboro, TX in 2015 where Kristin accepted a position with the Choctaw Nation. Over the past ten years, Kristin devoted much of her time and energy to helping the Choctaw Nation thrive and in return they made her dream come true, honoring her with the position of Executive Officer of Gaming and Hospitality. Kristin was always telling stories about “her guys” and deeply loved her Choctaw family.

As successful and accomplished as Kristin was at work, she was most proud of her role as mother to her beautiful, compassionate, intelligent, strong daughter, Sierra. Kristin and Sierra spent 27 beautiful years together, navigating this world through joy-filled times (like traveling to Europe or playing countless hours of board games). Kristin was the happiest when she was in nature, with those she loved. So much so, she was a founding member of the F-n-A Hiking Club. Some of her favorite hikes included Goat Butte Mountain, Bear Creek Mountain, and anything over 10 miles because one can only assume she enjoyed watching us struggle.

Kristin is preceded in death by her grandmother, Viola Lumley; grandfather, Baptist Lumley; grandmother Jessie Schaefer; grandfather Ken Schaefer; her

best friend and cousin Michelle Porter; her soul-dog Pheobo, and several other relatives and friends that she loved very deeply.

Kristin is survived by her parents David and Kathy Lumley; daughter Sierra Karcz-Lumley; fur-daughters Anya and Rowan; grand fur-daughter Smee; sister Shannon Bowden (Denny Bowden, Megan Bowden Fuchs, Morgan Bowden); sister Leslie Shepard (Greg Shepard, Finn Shepard, Sawyer Shepard); sister Lexy Unsicker (John Unsicker, Draven Unsicker, Asher Unsicker, Tru Unsicker, Eden Unsicker); soul-sister Jennifer Bush (Dirk Bush, Richelle Bush, Emily Bush) and countless family members and friends who meant the world to her.

Services will be at Brown's Durant Funeral and Cremation Service on February 9, 2025, at 2:00 pm. Services will be held by Chaplain Olin Williams. Honorary Pallbearers will be David Lumley, Denny Bowden, Greg Shepard, Finn Shepard, Sawyer Shepard, Chris Scrivner, Heidi Grant and Dakota Holloway.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Kristin Lumley Memorial Scholarship. Visit [chahtafoundation.com/donate](https://chahtafoundation.com/donate) and select "Kristin Lumley Memorial Scholarship". Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.brownsfuneralservice.com](https://www.brownsfuneralservice.com).

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

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/W76557LJ7XK8CBT5>

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Service - Durant  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Kristin Lumley*



**Brown's Durant Funeral Service** - February 06, 2025 at 12:06 PM

SS

*I just learned of Kristin's passing today. My heart is broken. Kristin was one of the finest ladies I have ever met. Kind, caring, and absolutely brilliant. It was my joy to be a direct report to her for a time at Yakama Legend's Casino, where she was both a leader and a dear friend. There will never be another like her.*

**Steve Stewart** - June 08, 2025 at 02:43 AM

AG

“ *Awh Kristen such a special spirit... I have a memory of me holding Sierra when she just a newborn, and you looking at your new baby girl just smiling your contagious smile and giggling. Sierra is brave strong beautiful smart- you did good momma. \*\*Your life will be remembered as a timeless masterpiece\*\* truth. Love you/Respect you Kris Antone*

**Antone Gutierrez** - February 13, 2025 at 05:39 PM

DF

“ *Desiree F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kristin Lumley.*

**Desiree F.** - February 09, 2025 at 09:39 AM

DE

“ You’ve transitioned Kristen, but the impact you’ve had, your kindness and humanity extended to those around you lives on. Pocola is a trek, but with every visit you never shied away from visiting with us, the staff – finding ways to be impactful whether in short or long encounters.

We can’t remember a moment where we’d run into you over the years in Pocola that you didn’t stop to hug one of us in the hotel, or to smile, and ask genuinely how we were doing – you took the time to make lasting connections.

I want to personally thank you for sharing encouragement over the years in my career journey with Choctaw, reminding me of the importance of “maximizing influence with every opportunity, and others.” These words of wisdom I’ve shared with others, specifically our Pocola Hotel Team. It’s amazing to hear how others are blessed by the lessons and truths you imparted to us along the way.

Know that Your presence will be missed.

May God continue to blanket your family with His love and peace.

Now that you’ve ascended Kristen, rest and rejoice with Him.

With Love and Respect,

Desiree

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Desiree - February 09, 2025 at 09:37 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kristin Lumley.

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February 08, 2025 at 11:18 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kristin Lumley.*



February 08, 2025 at 11:18 AM



“ *Troy S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kristin Lumley.*

**Troy S.** - February 08, 2025 at 11:08 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Kristin's passing. I enjoyed working with her. She was always very kind to me.*  
*Scott MacDonald*

**Scott A MacDonald** - February 07, 2025 at 09:49 AM



“ *Megan, Barney, Sam & Dan purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kristin Lumley.*



**Megan, Barney, Sam & Dan** - February 06, 2025 at 01:11 PM



“ *Megan, Barney, Sam & Dan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kristin Lumley.*

**Megan, Barney, Sam & Dan** - February 06, 2025 at 01:11 PM



“ 99 files added to the album *Gallery of Pictures*



**Brown's Durant Funeral Service** - February 06, 2025 at 12:11 PM



“ *Idabel & Broken Bow Choctaw Casino Teams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kristin Lumley.*

**Idabel & Broken Bow Choctaw Casino Teams** - February 06, 2025 at 09:22 AM



“ *Idabel & Broken Bow Choctaw Casino Teams purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of Kristin Lumley.*



**Idabel & Broken Bow Choctaw Casino Teams** - February 06, 2025 at 09:22 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Kristin Lumley.



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February 05, 2025 at 11:56 AM



“ *Auntie Karen* purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of Kristin Lumley.



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**Auntie Karen** - February 03, 2025 at 06:21 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Kristin Lumley.



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February 03, 2025 at 05:30 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray* was purchased for the family of Kristin Lumley.



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February 03, 2025 at 05:04 PM

LL

“ Though I did not have the privilege of knowing Kristin personally, I see the depth of her kindness, strength, and love reflected in her daughter, Sierra. She is an incredible woman—a testament to the wonderful person and mother Kristin was. May Kristin's legacy of warmth and generosity continue to shine through her and all those whose lives you touched.

*With deepest sympathy and respect, Lorraine Lynch*

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**Lorraine Lynch** - February 03, 2025 at 01:34 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Kristin Lumley.



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February 03, 2025 at 10:32 AM

EM

“ I am most grateful to Creator for having know Kristin in this life, professionally as Gaming Regulators and later as a friend when she moved and Choctaw Nation were able to benefit from her education and experience and caring spirit. As a Commissioner on my first week, Kristin as Executive Director gave me a tour of our Gaming Facility..from the Security, employee area, Gaming floor, cage, soft count, administrative offices to even the storage areas..I laughed and said we had time to review and doing it in a day was a bit over whelming with information overload but I am a good foot shorter than her and I had to take two steps to her one step... She responded "I'm sorry " which I would later hear many times when she felt she needed to say it. I shared she didn't need to say she was sorry, no harm done, no errors...then she would say "it" again. I grew to admire her nature, her respect for maintaining truth and taking responsibility of all she deemed within her perview. So I didn't try to get her to stop saying she was sorry..it was a sign of her teachings, confidence and experience in her life. Kristin, I enjoyed our work accomplishment, enjoyed seeing you compete your post secondary education, especially your Graduate Intership overseas, enjoyed hearing your family times, hiking and camping adventures and your exciting career with Choctaw Nation. So glad that you continued to embrace your spiritual strength as it seen you through these most difficult times. I will always hold our friendship and silly memories close in my heart, grateful for having you in my life as you return to Creators side taking much love and joy of your life lived with you to bask in his most glorious light free from mortal pain...Prayers to our Creator for strength of heart and Spirit to all of Kristin's family, especially daughter Sierra, friends, Associates as we pay final respect, love for her final journey... Much love and respect always my friend...Atowishumash, Klowkishnye, Esther MH

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Esther MH - February 02, 2025 at 06:27 PM

LH

“ It’s hard to express the sorrow we feel over Kristin's passing. Her presence brought so much light and joy to everyone around her, and she will be missed more than words can express. Kristin helped my daughter and me when we needed it during the most difficult time of our lives. She shared the warmth of her home, helped with advice, and ensured we had everything we ever needed. Kristin was a true friend-kind, caring, and always ready to lend a hand or share a laugh. Her memory will live in our hearts, though she is no longer with us. May you find peace knowing how many lives you touched and how deeply you were loved. Lilia and Karyna.

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**Lilia Herrington** - February 02, 2025 at 06:06 PM

JB

“ Kathy and family. I was so sad to read about Kristen. God bless your family

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**jacklyn blythe** - February 02, 2025 at 04:30 PM

GF

“ Grace and friends purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Kristin Lumley.



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**Grace and friends** - February 02, 2025 at 01:16 PM

SB

“ I wasn't lucky enough to have met Kristin but a few short years ago. However, in that short amount of time she provided me guidance during hard times, was a constant positive energy, and has left an ever lasting impression on my life. It was my extreme pleasure to have known such a kind soul. I will miss her forever.

*Stephanie Burton*

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**Stephanie Burton** - January 31, 2025 at 05:40 PM