



## Jennifer Lynette (Kusgen) May

April 6, 1983 - November 11, 2009

Born April 6, 1983 to proud parents Dennis Kusgen and Patricia Lane, Jennifer Kusgen was the eldest granddaughter of Clarence and Mertyl Kusgen, Les and Carol Harrington, and Thompson and Mary Caldwell. She was born in Columbia, Missouri, and spent the majority of her childhood in Laquey, Missouri with her brother Billy "Boogie" Rains, sister Ricki Rains, and cousins Nakia and Johnny Lewis. Her step-father Billy Rains Sr. helped to raise her.

Jennie (as she preferred to be called and was known by anyone fortunate enough to have met her) attended school in Laquey, Missouri. She played softball and volleyball and was well liked and respected by her classmates.

In June of 1999, she met her soul mate DeWayne May, whom she would spend the rest of her days with. On January 1, 2003, DeWayne and Jennie spoke their vows to each other, and began living as husband and wife. They were legally wed at Harmony Baptist Church in Buckhorn, Missouri on March 16, 2005. In doing so, Jennie gained two stepchildren, Genesis and DeWayne May, whom she loved dearly.

She spent her professional adult years as a waitress, a job that she enjoyed, very much as evidenced by her great attitude and constant smile. Her hobbies and interests included scrap booking, photography, going anywhere with her

husband and step-children, as well as spending time with her brother (who lived with her most of her life after she left the home at age 16), and sister.

Jennie left us on November 11, 2009 at 1:58 pm, after complications from a serious illness. She was just 26 years old. Her smile and unforgettable personality will be missed by all who knew and came in contact with her, as the world has suffered a great loss in losing this precious soul.

She leaves to mourn her passing: her husband, DeWayne, step-daughter, Genesis, and step-son, DeWayne, all of the home; her father, Dennis Kusgen of California, MO; her mother, Patricia Lane of Waynesville, MO; her brother and sister Billy "Boogie" and Ricki Rains of Waynesville, MO; her grandmother, Mary Caldwell of Laquey, MO; her grandmother, Mertyl Kusgen of California, MO; her grandparents, Les and Carol Harrington of Vinita, OK; her father and mother-in-law, Bearl and Faye May of Waynesville, MO; her sister-in-law Melissa May of Waynesville; brother and sister-in-law Damon and Amber May of Morrison, CO; brother-in-law Matt May of Prescott Valley, AZ; as well as several aunts, uncles, cousins, a soon-to-be-arriving niece or nephew, and many friends.

Receiving her into Heaven will be Tasha Kusgen, Jennie's sister, Thompson Caldwell, Jennies' grandfather and most special man in her upbringing, and Clarence Kusgen, grandfather from her father's family.

Jennie May will be greatly missed, but never forgotten...

Memorial services were held at 5:00 P.M. Tuesday, November 17, 2009 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory with Rev. Christopher Hendrix officiating. Several friends recalled their wonderful memories of Jennie and her husband DeWayne gave a beautiful eulogy celebrating the life of his wife. The songs "Love, Me", "It's So Hard to Say Goodbye to Yesterday" and "Goodbye" were

played. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Jennie May and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory.

# Tribute Wall



“ Jennifer Lynette (Kusgen) May

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ Damn, Jennie.... I just want to let you know you are going to be greatly missed. I have such fond memories of us going to school together, cracking up, partying, ect. It was always such a blast when we were together. You are such an amazing woman and friend! Im going to miss you dearly. Keep that beautiful smile, cuz when we meet again thats what i wanna see... I love you girlie.... RIP, MAMA... Jack...##imported-begin##Jaclyn Stafford##imported-end##

November 22, 2009 at 05:13 PM



“ Trish and Mary, What a loss, I'm so sorry. May your souls be healed.##imported-begin##janet york##imported-end##

November 19, 2009 at 10:19 AM



“ Keeping your friends and family lifted in prayer. You were a wonderful person, with a smile that could light up a room! You will be dearly missed.##imported-begin##Samantha S. Windham##imported-end##

November 17, 2009 at 06:16 PM



“ Trish, I am so so sorry to hear about Jennifer. Although I haven't seen Jennifer in a number of years, I can still picture her cute little round face in my mind. I just can't express the sorrow and cannot imagine how much you have to be hurting. God bless you.##imported-begin##Vickie Bax##imported-end##

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November 16, 2009 at 02:50 PM



“ WHEW, where do I begin, ..... I love you jennie K!!! I will miss you more than you will ever know.... I know that even though I am crying right now, you would want me laughing till I cry. You will always be my friend and I hope that when I make my way to the heavenly father that I am graced enough to see you again. To Trish and the family, I have grew up with jennie for so long and through tears laughter and fighting and more laughter me and jennie still remained the best of friends, I wish that you find some kind of comfort in the near future and that she is loved and missed very much by ALOT of people, If you really truly knew jennie you fell in love with her..... I love you guys and you are in my prayers....##imported-begin##Krystal Woodson##imported-end##

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November 14, 2009 at 05:17 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. She is an angel that will always be at your side and she will help you through all your heart ache. She is always there listening so talk to her. You will hear her in your heart.##imported-begin##Colene Volkart##imported-end##

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November 14, 2009 at 03:55 PM



“ all my love to the family, I lost my best friend of 24yrs, it was like yesterday, jennie and I was riding our bikes and having a blast...she was the sister I never had, we had been threw so much together, I miss her sooo much already, we called our selfs the ZENs..and we will be to the end.##imported-begin##Jennifer Hartness Garrett##imported-end##

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November 13, 2009 at 10:59 PM



“ You will always be in our hearts. As a rose may fade, a memory will forever be beautiful. Thank you for touching our hearts. David and Connie##imported-begin##connie figueira##imported-end##

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November 13, 2009 at 06:15 PM



“ Dewayne and Family. Words can't begin to express our sorrow for you and the kids. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers in the days to come.##imported-begin##Luge Hardman##imported-end##

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November 13, 2009 at 02:00 PM



“ Trisha, I am so sorry about Jenny's death. We all, her family, will miss her so much. We love you.##imported-begin##Carla De Lange##imported-end##

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November 13, 2009 at 09:34 AM



“ Rest in peace little sis, I will always love and miss you...##imported-begin##Toni kusgen##imported-end##

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November 12, 2009 at 10:11 PM



“ SO SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR LOSS. MAY GOD BE WITH YOU  
##imported-begin##DARLA LUCAS##imported-end##

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November 12, 2009 at 05:43 PM