



# **Nicole Cherie' Alix**

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**N**icole Cherie' Alix was born January 6, 1969 in Tulsa, Oklahoma and passed away November 20, 2016 in Ramona, Oklahoma. Nicole was a loving and kind person that would do anything for anyone. Nicole is survived by her wife Tara Edwards; her step-daughter, Macee Edwards; her son Alec Jack Wallace and his wife Sydnie, her son Gavin Richard Wallace; her parents Ralph and Carol Alix; Her sisters, Natalie Alix and Nanette Alix-Lofton and her husband John, niece, Paige Alix-Lofton; nephew, Joshua Alix-Lofton; niece Mirah Alix and numerous other family members and friends. Nicole's two sons, Alec and Gavin Wallace were – in her words – “my greatest and most perfect achievement.” She was so very proud of each of them. Alec and his wife Sydnie live in Oklahoma City/Moore where he is in the Air National Guard and works at Tinker Air Force Base performing Non-Destructive Testing. Alec and Sydnie have just completed building their first home. Nicole was so very proud and she knew all was well. Gavin, a senior at Claremore High School, will be attending OU in the fall having already achieved most of his freshman credits. Gavin currently plans to major in Mechanical Engineering. Nicole was proud of how he had grown and knew he was well on his way to making his mark on the world. Just recently she had expressed how wonderful it was to know that both her boys had their feet firmly planted and would each continue to be successful. Nicole's career was focused on mental health and counseling services. During her career she provided assessments and individual and group counseling services to adults, children, couples, and families. She spent many years working in the public school system in Broken Arrow and Claremore as a counselor. She loved helping the children. Also during her career, Nicole worked at St. John's Medical Center as Case Manager Social Worker and as a Therapist for the BAT Team; Hillcrest Medical Center Behavioral Health as a Therapist for Adolescents and Children; and her favorite position was at Community Outreach Psychiatric Emergency Services as a



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COPES Therapist. In addition to her career, Nicole was a wealth of information, guidance, and a rock for her former classmates, friends, and family in their times of crisis or need. She knew and understood what each individual needed. She was always there for them when they reached out for help. Her favorite piece of advice was... “The best day of your life is the one which you decide your life is your own. No apologies or excuses. No one to lean on, rely on, or blame. The gift is yours – it is an amazing journey – and you alone are responsible for the quality of it. This is the day your life really begins.” Nicole told us over the years that her teacher Vicki Warterfield, from Burbank Elementary had influenced her life. Because of her influence Nicole initially went to college to be a teacher. She then changed her major to Psychology where she believed she would be able to help more people. Member of Braden Park Baptist Church, formerly White City Baptist of Tulsa, OK. Nicole was baptized in our Lord in April 24, 1977. Nicole obtained her BA in Psychology at The University of Tulsa ('92). While at TU, Nicole joined Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority where she worked with the Kennedy/Shriver Foundation to bring Best Buddies to TU. This organization connected college age students and individuals with disabilities in the local community for the mutual benefit of both. Nicole then went on to obtain her MSW from Oklahoma University ('96). She continued her professional education and obtained the following licenses and certifications: LCSW – Licensed Clinical Social Worker State of Oklahoma ('00) Certified School Counselor State of Oklahoma Department of Education Certified Case Manager III – Okla. Dept. Mental Health and Substance Abuse Certified Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Trainer (ASIST) Her high school years included being a cheerleader at Will Rogers High School ('87). She was voted as Freshman Attendant to the Queen. Nicole loved her high school classmates then and now. Her 16th birthday is still remembered fondly by a lot of her classmates. She had requested a party where any of her school friends could come and celebrate with her. Nicole did not want anyone to feel that they were not invited or not welcome. A two story clubhouse at an apartment complex near 41st and Yale was the location and a multitude of classmates came, danced, partied, ate birthday cake, and had a wonderful time. We were never able to count how many friends showed up that evening. Nicole loved to



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travel, go to movies, and to attend concerts. Her favorite concerts included Pink, Tim McGraw, and Kenney Chesney. Her favorite travels were to Costa Rica, the Turks and Caicos, and Grand Cayman. During her visits to Grand Cayman she was able to see, hold, and swim with the Sea Turtles at the sanctuary. These trips greatly influenced her long term plans, which were to move to Florida and donate her time and talents to rescuing and the rehabilitation of sea turtles. Nicole's love of animals was apparent during the decades of volunteering at Safari's Sanctuary in Broken Arrow. She enjoyed her long friendship with Lori, owner of Safari's. Nicole had requested in lieu of flowers that all donations go to Safari's to feed and care for the animals that she had loved and helped throughout the years. Whether it was animals or people in need – Nicole was there for them. There are not words to express how intensely she will be missed by her family. Nicole will be dearly missed by everyone who knew and loved her. Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-TALK 1-800-273-8255 Nicole will be dearly missed by everyone who knew and loved her. There is a memorial fund set up at Floral Haven Funeral Home in Nicole's honor for a Sea Turtle Monument that will be placed in the Floral Haven Cemetery. There will be a Celebration of Life in Nicole's honor at a place that was very near and dear to her heart; Safaris Sanctuary. It will be Friday, January 6, 2017 starting at 3 p.m. followed with a lantern release at dark in her honor..



## Tribute Wall

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CA

**Carol Alix** posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Nicole Cherie' Alix

November 29 at 1:51 PM

Jl

**Jim** posted:

My sincere condolences for your loss at this time. May you find comfort in your loving memories, and in God's promise to soon " swallow up death forever " and " wipe away the tears from all faces." (Isaiah 25:8) With my deepest sympathy, Jim Visit [jw.org](http://jw.org)

November 27 at 10:44 AM

DS

**Donavan Skaggs** posted:

You and Tara were our witnesses at our wedding and Jeremiah and I were yalls, we will miss movie nights and birthdays and holidays as we always had the best time. I myself will miss lunches at work with you as well as your laugh. You have always been the voice of reason and with whatever was going on in your life you always made time to continue our beautiful friendship, Remeber, god put us here to care for one another, you have surpassed that, you and Jeremiah supported Tara and lemotional through nursing school always taking the time to study and push us harder, I will never forget you. Love You always can't wait to see you again. God Speed my love rest your beautiful head. I will see you again.

November 26 at 8:41 AM

CA

**Carol J Alix** posted:

Our daughter's specific request in writing was for all donations, and also in lieu of flowers to go to Safari's Sanctuary, 26881 E 58th St, Broken Arrow, OK 74014Nicole loved Safari's Sanctuary and over the years spent hundreds – even thousands of hours donating her time and helping.

November 24 at 11:35 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Nicole by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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