



Vernetta Joyce Kelley-Brown

October 18, 1951 - October 17, 2025

Vernetta Joyce Kelley-Brown was born October 18, 1951, in Wichita, Kansas. She was the third of five children born to the union of Vernell Leo Kelley and Otelia Mae Kelly.

Vernetta completed her secondary education in Poteau, Ok. Upon graduation, she attended Carl Albert College in Sallisaw, OK. As a young adult, Vernetta lived in Poteau, OK, where she gave birth to Christie Kelly. She later moved back to Wichita, KS, where Quincy Conway and Chauncey Conway were born. She also lived in Muskogee, OK where she made several long-time friends. She studied Organizational Management and Leadership at Friends University, and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism, in 2009.

Vernetta's deep, personal desire and professional mission was to help others. She first began this mission at the North Texas Job Corps, McKinney, TX, as a Career Counselor. She provided counseling to students, covering personal and social development, career goals and behavioral support. She then continued her mission when relocating to Wichita KS, where she began her career in public education as a Paraprofessional, at Wichita Unified School District 259's Jardine Middle School. She performed teaching-related tasks to help students reach and maintain academic standards. In October 2013, she retired from USD 259 after 11 years of service. Retirement was no longer on

the table when she relocated to Plano, TX, and accepted a position at Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas. She was employed for 10 years as a Talent Development Specialist, aiding job seekers to develop their skillset for employment searches. Her final role was with Lifepath Plano Services, Plano, TX, where she was a Behavioral Case Manager. Vernetta coordinated care and provided support for individuals with behavioral and mental health challenges. She was still employed at Lifepath Plano Services at the time of her passing. Personal causes dear to her were: Arts and Culture, Children, Education, Health, Human Rights, and Social Services

Vernetta was known for her warm and friendly personality, classy sense of fashion and strong family ties. She was affectionally known as Nettie. She wore many hats as an extremely loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. She lived her life on her own terms. Her sassy wit, charm, charisma, and spirit was unique and undeniable. The love and support she had for her siblings was immeasurable and distinct for each one. They will carry an abundance of childhood and adulthood memories forever. She dedicated her life to her children and grandchildren. Her love for them was unwavering. The overflowing commitment to her grandchildren, some of whom she helped raise, was nothing short of phenomenal. She was a teacher of life. Her children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews all received lessons from the VJ School of Hard Knocks. They were lessons for a lifetime. She had a flare for interior decorating that influenced many. She is now, and always will be, greatly missed. We will fondly remember her phone calls, text messages, Facebook posts, cooking, and shared recipes. Hail to the Queen!

Our beloved Vernetta Joyce Kelley-Brown received her wings at age 73, on October 17, 2025, in Dallas, TX. She was preceded in death by her parents, Vernell Leo Kelley and Otelia Mae Kelly; daughter, Christie Patrice Kelly; her son, Chauncey Conway;

and grand-daughter, Sabryna Guerrero-Newman.

She leaves precious memories and everlasting love to her son, Quincy Conway; Grandchildren: Brandon Kelly, Anthony Edwards, Tevias Patterson, Quinisha Conway, Chauncey Edwards, Kendall Adams, Romane Douglas, Quinten Kelly, Christian Kelly, Quincy Conway, Jr., Brandi Kelly, Demarius Clayton, and Maylasia Kelly; Great--Grandchildren: Mystique Askew-Kelly, Chelsi Edwards, A'mya Edwards, Ze'Kobe Edwards, Kamari Kelly, Kaior Adams, and Corion Adams; Siblings: Robert Kelly (Shanine), Sandra Trotter, Dowana Kelley, Michael Kelly, Donna Wood, Bruce Morgan, Teresa Newman (Steven), and Linnae Allen-Williams (Darryl), and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

NOV 1. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Dalton and Son Funeral Home
1550 N. Stemmons Freeway
Lewisville, TX 75067

Tribute Wall

LF

“ I just learned of Vernetta’s passing today. I’m so sorry for your loss. She was my son’s case manager at Lifepath. I’ve met her a few times and I always loved her styling outfits! She was always so kind to my son and interested in him. She always tried to communicate with him, which always made my heart happy that she tried to include him. She was a kind, lovely lady. I’m sorry she is no longer with us.

Laurie Finkenbiner - November 05, 2025 at 09:28 PM

CY

“ Just heard about Vernetta's passing. She loved our son Gabriel so much! She was our case manager from LifePath but she was such a sweet soul and a blessing. I was shocked to hear of her passing. Praying the Lord keeps his arms around Vernetta's family. I'm sure she went straight through those golden gates and home to our Father. - The Baldwins

Cyndi - November 04, 2025 at 05:36 PM

DH

“ Vernetta was our Case Manager at Lifepath for the past couple of years. She was the best Case Manager we ever had. She was always kind and caring to my son. I’m glad to have known her, blessed to have had her in my life.

Debbie Hedges - November 03, 2025 at 03:40 PM

GF

“ *Gloria Payne & Family purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Vernetta Joyce Kelley-Brown.*



Gloria Payne & Family - October 30, 2025 at 04:06 PM

KG

“ *When I met Quincy Sr. as a young girl,
You welcomed me with open arms.
Your home was always filled with warmth,
And your kindness left a lasting charm.*

*I still remember your laughter, so full of life,
And the way you made everything beautiful.
When I moved into my first house,
You painted and decorated it like it was your own. I will never forget
the blue sky.*

*You had such style; graceful and bright,
Turning simple moments into art.
And I'll never forget our shared zodiac sign,
Your birthday just one day before mine.
Two Libras, strong and full of heart.*

*You'll always be remembered for your laughter,
Your grace, and your giving hands.
Thank you for showing me kindness
Teaching me how to cook the meals that Quincy liked and for how
to understand his quiet nature. You will always be remembered!*

Kimberly Grayson - October 27, 2025 at 03:57 PM

QC

“ Though we didn’t share much time together, I still want to honor my grandmother’s life and the legacy she leaves behind. Her story is part of mine, and I’m grateful for that connection. I share this poem in her memory: “A Life Well Lived”
(Author Unknown)

*A life well lived is a precious gift
Of hope and strength and grace,
From someone who has made our world
A brighter, better place.*

*It’s filled with moments, sweet and sad,
With smiles and sometimes tears,
With friendships formed and good times shared,
And laughter through the years.*

*A life well lived is a legacy
Of joy and pride and pleasure,
A living, lasting memory
Our hearts will always treasure.*

Quincy Conway, - October 27, 2025 at 03:47 PM

DA

“ My deepest condolences to the family. I worked with Vernetta Kelley at Workforce Solutions. And have known some of her family for over 30 years.



Delhia Allison - October 25, 2025 at 01:25 PM