



## Jodie Katherine Wright

January 27, 1966 - January 2, 2023

Jodie Katherine Wright, 56, of Chanute, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, January 2, 2023. Jodie was born on January 27, 1966, in Adelaide, South Australia.

In 2000, Jodie and her daughter moved to Kansas to begin life in the United States. Jodie worked for over 10 years at Chanute Walmart. Initially working in the photo lab and then beginning her career as a Pharmacy Technician. Jodie was recognizable from her boisterous Australian accent and vibrant red hair. A Chanute treasure, the Australian woman from Walmart. After becoming a pharmacy tech at the Walmart pharmacy, in 2019, she transitioned to work at the Neosho Memorial Regional Medical Center pharmacy. Jodie took great pride in her work and all the hard work it took to achieve her pharmacy technician certification. A scholarship for pharmacy technician students will be set up in her memory, to honor the hard work done by Jodie and all pharmacy personnel.

Jodie had a personality that lit up a room. She could find humor in all things and enjoyed to laugh. She spread joy to those who came into contact with her. Generous with both her love and friendship for all people. Jodie would go the extra mile to help anyone.

With a love for communicating with people, Jodie had many friendships with people from around the world. Jodie enjoyed video chatting with her daughter, grandchildren, sister, and friends. Jodie had numerous hobbies; one, in particular, was going to the movies. She loved a good popcorn while watching

a comedy. Also, gift-giving was a huge part of Jodie's expression of love, and enjoyed spending time online shopping, especially around Christmas time. Christmas was her favorite holiday, in addition to Thanksgiving.

Jodie's love of her life was her daughter. The happiest day was the day her daughter was born. They shared an unconditional bond of love. Jodie loved spending time with her daughter. Together they would puzzle, play skip bo, reminisce about Australia, and in particular, loved to go out to eat. Specifically, Chinese food at the Eastern Chinese Restaurant. Where Jodie was well-known by the owners and their young children. Chopsticks laid out in her honor at each visit. Jodie adored her grandchildren. Being Nana to her 3 grandchildren brought her immeasurable joy and pride. Jodie loved visiting her daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren and spending the day together. Jodie's two dogs were the light of her life. She loved to relax at home with her pups, always allowing them the last bite of food. Her animals were very important to her, and the love she shared for her pets was unmistakable. Jodie had another family that was an important part of her life. Her friends. Or better known as her "best mates." Jodie developed relationships with not only her coworkers at Walmart and The Hospital, but their families as well. Jodie was a light in the lives of all she encountered. Jodie loved her mates, and her friendships brought her much joy.

Jodie's laugh and smile will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Jodie is survived by:

Her Daughter:

Teagan Kern and her husband Lyndon of Iola, KS

Her Sister:

Mandy Perry meant of Australia

Three Grandchildren:

Raiden Kern

Laken Kern

Leah Kern

Two pups:

Callie & Max

Cremation has been requested and a Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2023 at the First Baptist Church-Good News Center in Chanute at 10:30 am. Memorials have been suggested to ACARF and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at: [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com). Services entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home 101 N. Highland, Chanute, Kansas 66720.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 21. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church Good News Center  
118 N. Forest Ave.  
Chanute, KS 66720

# Tribute Wall

EW

“ Oh sweet Teagan, I can only imagine the pain and sadness you must be feeling, as I know how heart broken I'm feeling. Your mum was such a bright light in a lot of people's lives, especially mine. Your mum was a friend that I will treasure forever. I still can't believe she gone but of course never ever forgotten. For approximately 30 years I knew she was there we may not have spoken often but when we did it was like i saw her yesterday, our friendship never changed. I am devastated that I won't be able to visit her now when I retire as I planned, its all so surreal. I have so many wonderful memories of my time spent with her, the laughs, the Skipbo marathons we had nearly every night, the way she always called me Auntie Egg, the love she showed my kids especially Josh whom is also devastated, Jodie was always there if you needed anything no questions asked, she had the biggest heart. I just can't believe I will never see that beautiful wide smile of hers, she was definitely one in a million. No one could ask for a better friend. R.I.P my sweet, sweet friend, until we meet again. You take a piece of my heart with you.

Next time you go outside at night look for the brightest star in the sky and that will be her looking down on us all. Forever in our hearts. ❤️😭xxx

Sending all our love from Downunder, Erin, Allan, Amy, Josh, Nikki and families. Xxx

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**Erin Wade** - January 20, 2023 at 05:03 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jodie Katherine Wright.*



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January 20, 2023 at 04:59 AM



“ *Jodie was the best pain in my butt ever! I met her in a project last year and was immediately out at ease.*

*Jodie is a person that can offend you (playfully), put you at ease and befriend you all at the same time. I enjoyed every encounter and loved giving her attitude right back. She was uniquely genuine and irreplaceable.*

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**Aaron Wilson** - January 17, 2023 at 10:23 AM



“ *Jodie befriended me when I was living back in Chanute for a brief period. Some people stay in your heart forever. She was a wonderful light to the World and I know we will all miss her, but also miss the light she could bring like a flash of lightning with her beautiful smile and sincerely cheerful and kind words. RIP. I know they had a great big Barbie going for you up there when you arrived.*

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**robert r jenkins** - January 11, 2023 at 08:56 PM

JH

“ Jodie and I where best mates in Australia.  
My fondest memory of the time we spent together playing skipbo  
and our daughters playing around together. Plenty on days and all  
nighers playing skipbo.  
Send my love and prayers to Teagan and her family.  
Will miss you very much Jodie ( Red) 💜👍💙

Jody Haslett - January 10, 2023 at 11:05 PM

DK

“ Dylan Keller purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet  
for the family of Jodie Katherine Wright.



Dylan Keller - January 08, 2023 at 05:58 PM

DH

“ What a beautiful tribute. Keeping Teagan and family in our prayers  
Debbie & Ronnie Higginbotham

Debbie Higginbotham - January 07, 2023 at 11:26 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Jodie Katherine Wright.



January 07, 2023 at 11:33 AM

BS

“ I first met Jodie while she worked at Walmart and instantly fell in love with her accent, immediately followed by her friendly and caring personality. When I started working at Neosho Memorial I was excited to see Jodie was working there as well, many days of good visits and laughs always ending with a “see you later, have a good day mate”. Jodie is missed, till we meet again, I will always cherish the “good day mate”.

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**Byron Shultz** - January 07, 2023 at 08:37 AM

VE

“ Condolences to her family, I never saw Jodie without a smile on her face at Walmart or at the Hospital in the hallway. She was such a joy to be around. She will be missed by so many people who loved her.

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**Val Engstrom** - January 06, 2023 at 10:28 PM

TR

“ Oh Jodie, you are so missed already!!!! I have truly enjoyed working with you at the hospital. Even though we worked in different departments, we encountered each other atleast twice or more a week. I will miss our joking with each other and quick chats, when time allowed. I will miss us honking at each other and you yelling my name or me yelling your name in the parking lot, as we both left work in the evening. Always waving at each other from afar. I pray your memory continues to brings all your family and friends comfort and peace.  
Jodie, rest in paradise! I will not forget you and instead of goodbye, I will say, "until we meet again friend-mate"! ~Tina Roseberry, MA  
NMRMC Family Medicine

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**Tina R Roseberry** - January 06, 2023 at 09:20 PM

RR

“ *Rebecca Roles lit a candle in memory of Jodie Wright*



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**Rebecca Roles** - January 06, 2023 at 08:27 PM

LK

“ *Lynn Kustanborter lit a candle in memory of Jodie Wright*



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**Lynn Kustanborter** - January 06, 2023 at 06:38 PM