



## Nicole Jarke

September 9, 1979 - March 28, 2024

We are heartbroken to announce the passing of Nicole Jarke, age 44, of Dallas. She passed away in the early hours on Thursday, March 28, 2024, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Nicole was born in Tulsa, OK on September 9, 1979. She had five beloved brothers and, as the only girl, she grew up to be fiercely independent with a strong belief in what was right and wrong. She excelled in school, spending a semester in Redding, England and Oxford and graduated from Randolph Macon College for Women. Nicole taught college for a year in Prague. She developed a lifelong love of literature and was an avid reader. She loved the arts and was a talented musician playing the cello piano, guitar and harp. She was a passionate mom to her two Golden Retrievers, who are also grieving her passing.

Nicole spoke multiple languages including Arabic. She proudly served in the US Army as an E-5 Sgt and was a trained interpreter and interrogator. She was stationed in Iraq and was awarded the Bronze Star. Upon leaving the service, Nicole served at the National Fusion Center and the National Counterterrorism Center before moving to Homeland Security Investigations and SAC Intelligence where she worked as a criminal analyst.

Nicole is survived by her husband, Todd Burnes; stepchildren, Colton and Haven Burnes; mother, Susan (Patrick) Brezina; father, Richard (Phyllis) Jarke; brothers: Brian (Holly) Jarke, Richard N. Jarke, Michael (Kara) Jarke, Brandon (Danielle) Jarke, and Matthew (Shae) Jarke. Nicole was the beloved

“Auntie Blondie” to her treasured nieces and nephew: Eva, Piper, Reagan  
, Logan and Kabel.

Nicole was brave, beloved, and cherished by her family and friends. The world is a little darker today without Nicole in it.

Funeral service and celebration of her life will be at 4:00pm, Saturday, April 6, 2024 at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, her family asks that donations may be made to Colorectal Cancer Alliance at [www.colorectalcancer.org](http://www.colorectalcancer.org), in honor of Nicole's brave battle.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

APR 6. 4:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel  
642 N. Rockwall Ave.  
Terrell, TX 75160

# Tribute Wall

AD

“ I send my condolences to Nicole's family and friends. We were close in our childhood. I have so many fond memories of her. We had so many sleep overs and played Barbies well up to our 8th grade year, we didn't care we would just giggle all day long. She had the best sense of humor, she was so smart and gorgeous. I always thought of her and wondered what she was up to. Just as today, when I searched and found that she had passed. She is a beautiful soul and brought so much light and joy to this world and everyone she met. Looking at her photos I see that she truly lived a full life.

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**Amber D.** - April 07, 2025 at 09:05 PM

NA

“ So sad to see that Nicole has passed. We were friends in the army in Monterey and Ft. Gordon. Also traveled together once to England. She was so smart and beautiful. I tried for many years to reconnect with her and find her online - only wish I had been able to do so years ago before seeing this. My heart goes out to her husband and the rest of her family. Can't believe this could happen to someone so young with so much light in her heart and so much to live for.

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**Natalie** - October 27, 2024 at 10:21 PM

PE

“ Such an amazing woman; the world is seemingly darker without the light of her presence and spirit. My deepest heart-felt condolences to her husband and family in this moment. I remember Nicole from when we first met in Iraq and remember the strength of her conviction as a team leader and her stern opinions when she knew she was right about a subject. And she was always right! So articulate and wise. Seeing this news, I'm devastated to hear of her passing and can only pray that she is at peace. She touched so many lives during her journey and will be missed by all those hearts.

Peter - April 08, 2024 at 08:56 PM



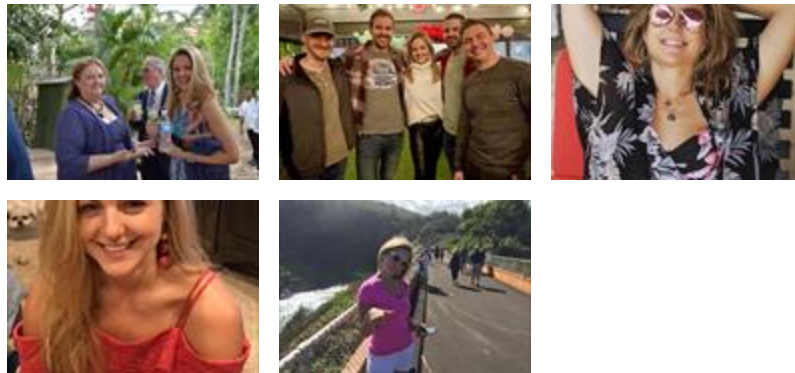
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Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - April 06, 2024 at 06:02 PM



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Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - April 06, 2024 at 05:52 PM

SS

“ Samantha S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicole Jarke.

Samantha S. - April 06, 2024 at 04:32 PM

YR

“ Your Roadies purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Nicole Jarke.



Your Roadies - April 06, 2024 at 12:28 PM

JW

“ Jason and Teresa Whitney purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Nicole Jarke.



Jason and Teresa Whitney - April 06, 2024 at 11:30 AM

JW

“ Jason and Teresa Whitney planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicole Jarke.

Jason and Teresa Whitney - April 06, 2024 at 11:30 AM

CH

“ Chalan purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Nicole Jarke.



Chalan - April 05, 2024 at 06:51 PM

CH

“ Chalan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicole Jarke.

Chalan - April 05, 2024 at 06:51 PM

IF

“ Intel Family purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Nicole Jarke.



Intel Family - April 05, 2024 at 06:05 PM

IF

“ Intel Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicole Jarke.

Intel Family - April 05, 2024 at 06:05 PM

LP

“ God bless you Todd and all your family. We are praying for your peace and comfort at this time. Greg and Linda

Linda Patton - April 05, 2024 at 12:26 PM

CL

“ Casey, Jamie, Savannah & Caroline Lucas purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Nicole Jarke.



Casey, Jamie, Savannah & Caroline Lucas - April 04, 2024 at 10:32 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Nicole Jarke.*



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April 04, 2024 at 04:04 PM



“ *Homeland Security Dallas Intel Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicole Jarke.*

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**Homeland Security Dallas Intel Family** - April 04, 2024 at 04:04 PM



“ *It is extremely difficult to imagine Nicole being taken from us far too soon. I am so grateful for having had the pleasure of being her boss for 2 years. She was extremely intelligent, gifted, passionate, witty, and most of all a kind soul. It is an enormous loss for all of us here at Homeland Security.*

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**Todd Johnson** - April 03, 2024 at 01:54 PM

AN

“ There are people throughout our life that forever mark their spot in our hearts. Nicole was one of those people for me. We were inseparable for years and I'll never forget our adventures and all-nighters on school nights! Nicole's adventurous and fearless nature amazed me. Although distance grew between us, our friendship remained. I love you and will miss you ❤️



Angela Gowens Neal - April 03, 2024 at 12:35 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nicole Jarke.



April 02, 2024 at 06:32 PM

MW

“ My condolences to all of Nicole's family and friends ~ Michelle W. (HSI Dallas)

Michelle W - April 02, 2024 at 06:10 PM

CH

“ Char Majzner & Zofia Hoya purchased the Guidin g Light Bouquet for the family of Nicole Jarke.



Char Majzner & Zofia Hoya - April 02, 2024 at 03:46 PM

SF

“ *Smith Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Nicole Jarke.*



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**Smith Family** - April 01, 2024 at 05:13 PM

CC

“ *I am heartbroken to hear the passing of Nicole. She was truly a special person and I will miss her greatly. I had the pleasure of knowing Nicole over the years and I know how much she loved her family and often shared wonderful stories of Todd, her nieces, and her dogs. Sending my deepest condolences to your family. I ask God to give the family peace and comfort during this very difficult time. May she Rest In Peace.*

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**Celia Caballeros** - April 01, 2024 at 03:28 PM

JF

“ *JSSI Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Nicole Jarke.*



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**JSSI Family** - April 01, 2024 at 03:08 PM

TA

“ *The Growney's & Jarke's in San Antonio purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Nicole Jarke.*



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**The Growney's & Jarke's in San Antonio** - April 01, 2024 at 12:46 PM

GA

“ *I did not know her, but what an amazing young woman! You all have my prayers and my sympathies - and I will make a donation in her honor. May God bless and comfort you all. She obviously lived her life to the fullest, and I know you are all very proud of her, and heartbroken to lose her. The world IS darker without her - no doubt.*

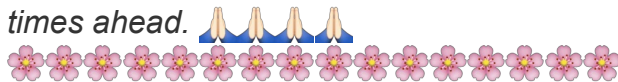


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**Gayle** - March 31, 2024 at 11:49 AM

LI

“ *So very sorry for your loss. Prayers for peace & comfort now & the times ahead.*



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**Linda** - March 30, 2024 at 01:34 PM