



Debra Duke

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Debra Ann Burks Duke passed away on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, surrounded by her family in White Oak, TX. She was born in Longview, TX on November 16, 1957, to Billy Joe and Nancy Tuttle Burks.

Debra is survived by: daughter Robbie Smith White and husband Daniel; daughter Destiny Duke Fahrenbruck and husband Tyler; son Clayton Duke; grandsons Hudson and Kelly Arnn; mother Nancy Tuttle Burks; half-brother Joe Clifton Burks; brother Bruce Burks; brother Douglas Burks; brother David Burks and wife Karen; nephew Billy Royce Burks and fiancé Rebecca Bross; niece Miranda Burks; niece Bethany Burks; nephew Austin Burks; friend and father of her children Charles Duke; and dear friends Beverly Carpenter and Libby McGilberry.

Debra was preceded in death by her husband Robert Lewis Smith; her brother Kelly Patrick Burks and her father Billy Joe Burks.

Being the only girl with so many brothers, Debra had natural leadership qualities and was very competitive. She loved to paint, sew, garden, rockhound and listen to music. Additionally she was a champion spades, canasta, bunco and 42 dominos player. There will be a visitation on Sunday September 25 at Rader Funeral Home in Longview from 6 – 8 pm and a graveside service will be at 10 am on Monday September 26 at the White Oak Cemetery (old).



Events

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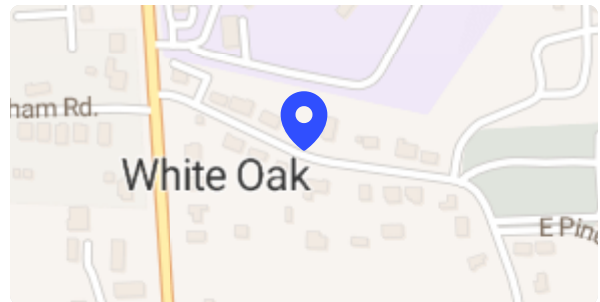
Visitation

- Sunday**, September 25, 2022
- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT
- Rader Funeral Home**
1617 Judson Rd, Longview TX 75601



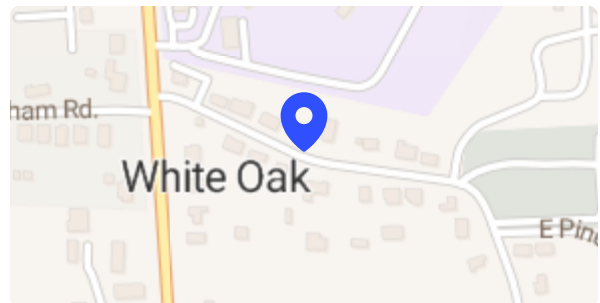
graveside

- Monday**, September 26, 2022
- 10:00 AM CT
- White Oak Cemetery old**
400 E. Bingham, White Oak TX



Cemetery Details

- White Oak Cemetery old**
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Lauren Blake lit a candle in honor of Debra.

Oh Debra...I call you auntie Debra because you and my mom were like sisters. When she was sick, you baked us what we call Debra Duke Baked Chicken. We still call that dish by your name til this day. You gifted me my first, beautiful orange cat Nemo and were always on the look out for pets to take in. Such a good hearted, kind, hard working humorous soul. I love you auntie Debra Duke. It's not goodbye, it's see you later.



September 25 at 3:47 PM



Sandie Plummer posted:

I remember Debra always ready to substitute for some one at the table when my husband, Buddy and I would go over for dominoes with her mom and dad. It was always a treat.

September 25 at 1:29 PM



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LB

Lesia Blake lit a candle in honor of Debra.

As I sit here today, with a heavy heart, one of the best friends in my entire life, (I do not use those two words loosely) but I can honestly say, Debra Duke was one of my BESTIES. She was my "vanilla sister" and I, her "chocolate sister," neither had biological sisters. We worked as medical transcriptionists at Good Shepherd, since that initial acquaintance, we became partners in crime, and I never called her by her first name only, it is always "Debra Duke." My friend you may be gone from this cruel world, but YOU WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN! Our Heavenly Father has other plans for you now, we will meet again someday. During your lifetime, you accomplished so much, raised three beautiful, successful children, Robbie, Destiny, and Clayton, all of which you always expressed how proud you were of them all. I must tell this funny story; I tell it often, one day we were riding, and Debra Duke abruptly pulled over, popped the trunk, jumped out and said, "come on Lesia" I said, "what are we doing"? Debra said, "look at those flowers, lets dig them up," it was a vacant lot." Now I said "Debra Duke", this brown girl is not going to get out and dig up flowers from a yard with a shovel, no ma'am, I'll be in jail", we laughed but guess what, a few years later, I found myself checking out vacant yards, never stopped, but because of Debra Duke, I found myself looking at vacant lots. One of the many funny memories we shared. Debra Duke also introduced me to the Hillbilly Zodiac as Scorpios, we are "Butter Beans," (October 24 – November 22). It said you always want to invite a Butter Bean to the party because Butter Beans are the party, we get along well with everybody. As a Butter Bean, we should be proud, we have grown on the vine of life, and feel at home no matter what the setting. We do not meet strangers. That was true for me and Debra Duke, a truly extraordinary friend, just as our 25-year friendship. I want to thank my Heavenly Father for the time He allowed me to spend Debra Duke, so many precious, priceless, unforgettable memories I will hold in my heart forever. Until we meet again my friend, I love you, hold it down now, and I will see you on the other side, Love you, Debra Duke! "Lives are like rivers: Eventually they go where they must. Not where we want them to." Richard Russo



September 22 at 2:54 PM

VC

Vicki Crawford lit a candle in honor of Debra.

Words fall short of expressing our sorrow and we trust your happy memories will help you through the difficult times ahead. With love to all - Vicki, Wade, Barry



September 25 at 9:13 AM



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C Wyche posted:

Debra was a fun loving and aggressive 42 player will be missedC wyche

September 25 at 8:22 AM



Lesia Blake September 25 at 11:13 AM

Debra loved playing 42!



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Duke family.

September 24 at 8:26 AM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Duke family.

September 24 at 8:25 AM



Anonymous sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the Duke family.

September 24 at 6:27 AM



Lisa Roach posted:

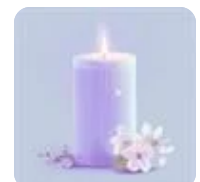
A sad day indeed. My only memory of you is being at your home when I was a girl. You were so nice to me. Sorry I didn't get to know you better after adulthood. God speed.

September 24 at 5:59 AM



Libby Austell Mcgilberry lit a candle in honor of Debra.

September 23 at 4:22 PM





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Keith And Shari Hilliard sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Duke family.

September 23 at 10:38 AM



Love Always! White Oak Class Of 1992 sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Duke family.

September 23 at 6:38 AM



Love, Brandy, Laurie, And Selina sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Duke family.

September 23 at 6:27 AM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Duke family.

September 22 at 2:54 PM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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