



Deborah Jean Wilkerson

May 15, 1956 - September 17, 2023

Deborah Jean Wilkerson, 67, of Odessa, TX passed away on September 17, 2023 in Odessa, Texas. She was born on May 15, 1956 to Rex James Mathis and Peggy Lou Eason in Rising Star, Texas. On February 15, 1974, Debbie embarked on a lifelong journey with Donnie Wilkerson as they exchanged vows and began their adventure together. While life took them on separate paths, they remained close friends, a testament to the enduring bond they shared.

Debbie was a woman of many talents and pursuits, had a couple of entrepreneurial adventures in her lifetime, but her true calling was as a homemaker and a mother to two wonderful daughters, Candy and Donni Jo. Her love and devotion to her family knew no bounds, and her nurturing spirit created a warm and loving home.

One of Debbie's greatest passions was her love for travel. She possessed an adventurous spirit, often getting in her car and driving without a specific destination in mind, simply following her heart's desire to explore. She was the first person you'd call for a spur-of-the-moment trip to Vegas, her enthusiasm infectious and her company a true delight. She had a knack for cards and could play all day and night. Her home was a hub of entertainment, where family and friends gathered for unforgettable get-togethers, always featuring a

friendly card game or two. She found solace in the pages of books and the challenge of crossword puzzles, forever eager to keep her mind sharp. Her sharp wit and quick humor were legendary. She had a way with words that could keep you on your toes and brighten even the darkest of days. In all her endeavors, she was accompanied by her brother Rex, affectionately known as Cooter, who remained a steadfast presence by her side throughout her journey, up to the very end.

Debbie was not only known for her vibrant spirit but also for her boundless generosity and care. Her legacy lives on through her five beautiful grandchildren, Kailee and Kelby Bridges, Taylor and Collin Simmons, Logan Hickerson, Jackson Wilkerson, and Sydney Hickerson all of Odessa and three precious great-granddaughters, Everly Hickerson, Bristol Bridges and Sutton Simmons who were the apple of her eye. She also had a special place in her heart for her beloved Yorkie, Precious Boo, whose companionship brought her immense joy.

Debbie's memory will forever remain in the hearts of her daughters, Candy and Jason Hickerson of Odessa, Tx and Donni Jo Wilkerson of Lubbock, TX., and her brother, Rex Mathis of Odessa, TX. She is also survived by her sisters Marsha Mathis of Beaver, OK, Susie Ruffaner of Terlton, OK, and Bobbie Jo Mathis of Missouri, along with a host of loving cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Debbie now joins her beloved Donnie Wilkerson in the embrace of eternal peace. She is reunited with her parents, Rex and Peggy Mathis, and her brother, Robert Mathis.

In our hearts, Debbie's laughter, warmth, and love will endure. She was a

shining light in our lives, and her absence leaves a void that can never be filled. We will forever cherish the moments we shared, the stories we told, and the love we received from her. May your soul rest in eternal peace, and may your memory continue to brighten our lives.

A celebration of life will be held at American Heritage Funeral Home outside in our pavilion, September 26, 2023 at 11:00am. Arrangements have been entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery Funeral Home Cemetery of Midland.

In Lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that you consider making a donation to an animal shelter or rescue organization of your choice in honor of Debbie Wilkerson.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah Jean Wilkerson.*



September 24, 2023 at 10:43 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deborah Jean Wilkerson.*



September 23, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Deborah Jean Wilkerson.*



September 22, 2023 at 12:19 PM