



Debbie Taylor

November 9, 1955 - June 26, 2025

Debra Kay Taylor, known affectionately as Debbie, passed away on June 26, 2025, at

Saint Francis Hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at the age of 69, surrounded by the love of

her family. Debbie courageously battled cancer for two years. She fought the good

fight—and she fought it with grace, strength, and determination until the very end.

Debbie was born on November 9, 1955, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the oldest of three children

born to Jimmie Coppinger and Marjorie Harwood Coppinger. Her family moved often

throughout her childhood for her father's job with the phone company. They lived in

numerous towns across the state. Among her most treasured memories were the years

she spent as a Duncan Demon. She ultimately graduated from Stillwater High School

and went on to attend Oklahoma State University.

Debbie spent more than 35 years building a successful career in the travel industry,

including over 25 years at World Travel Service, where she rose to become

Vice

President of Vacations and Groups. She was a trusted friend and empathetic leader,

always there for her team professionally and known for offering genuine encouragement

and personal support to those around her. Her kindness, humor, and unforgettable

laugh made her a cherished presence in both work and life.

Travel was never just a job for Debbie—it was her passion, her purpose, and her joy.

She often said, “Travel is the only thing you buy that makes you richer,” and she lived

that truth to the fullest. She especially loved trips to Hawaii, Mexico, and Italy, and she

was happiest near water—whether at the lake or overlooking the ocean. She loved

traveling with her children and showing them the world. She also enjoyed traveling with

her coworkers, including many memorable adventures with her dear friend Terry

Hartnett. Debbie also felt fortunate to be able to take 14 members of her family to

Mexico, where they made wonderful memories together. She treasured the blessing of

being able to share the joy of travel with so many of the people she loved.

Debbie also shared a close and loving bond with her siblings, Teresa and Stan. They

were always laughing together, sharing stories, and simply enjoying each other's

company. Their connection was a constant source of joy and support throughout her

life.

Above all, Debbie was a devoted and loving mother and grandmother. She doted on her children and grandchildren, always ready with a thoughtful gift, a listening ear, and heartfelt advice. She once took her grandson on a one-on-one trip to Disney World, and surprised her granddaughters by flying to Grand Cayman just to spend the day with them during a cruise stop—because that's who she was. Her love was always active, always present.

She enjoyed movies and could always name the actors and directors. She also loved attending plays and musicals with her friends, finding joy in those shared experiences.

Additionally, she cherished getting together with her friends in her book club, where she enjoyed sharing their friendship and laughter along with lively conversations.

Debbie is survived by her children: Collin Taylor, and Kristin Munson and her husband

Brett; by her beloved grandchildren: Cameron Nolen, Hayden Munson, and Halle

Munson; her siblings: Teresa Norman and husband Daniel, and Stan Coppinger and

wife Sherrie; and by her beloved dog, Romi. She was preceded in death by her parents,

Jimmie and Marjorie Coppinger. She also leaves behind many nieces, nephews,

cousins, and more friends than could ever be counted—because to know her was to love her.

A service to celebrate Debbie's life will be held at 10:00 AM on Monday, July 7, 2025, at Hayhurst Funeral Home, located at 1660 South Elm Place, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 74012. All who knew and loved her are welcome.

Debbie will be remembered for her strength, her warmth, her quick wit, and the adventurous, generous spirit that defined her life. She lived with intention, traveled with heart, and gave endlessly to those she cared about. Her memory and her legacy will continue to inspire everyone who had the privilege of knowing her.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
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Broken Arrow, OK 74012
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Tribute Wall



“ Hayhurst Funeral Home created a Funeral Service in memory of Debbie Taylor



Hayhurst Funeral Home - June 30, 2025 at 01:23 PM

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Debbie was the best boss. She understood issues & always strived to make sure you knew she was working for you. That is sometimes rare in many companies. She wasn't afraid to go to bat for something. She was a good person. She had a great heart, and we will miss her dearly. May her family be wrapped in memories to give them strength.

Denise McKisick - June 30, 2025 at 08:23 PM



“ I am so very sad about this news, Debbie was truly always so kind and personable. Her agency worked closely to our company and anytime we would connect for meetings or emails she always took the time to ask about my little one or my personal life, we were friends. How lucky am I to have known her. I saw her last at a conference in Vegas in Novemver around her birthday! She looked so good and was so happy.

Sending bug hugs to her family as she spoke of you often to me. Always here for any of you!

xoxo Renee Solari Fuerst (BDM forALG Vacations)

Renée Alg Vacations - August 06, 2025 at 02:07 PM

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Thank you so much. I miss her so much I can hardly stand it. A true treasure of a person.

Teresa Norman (sister) - August 14, 2025 at 10:38 PM

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“ I adored Debbie from the first moment I met her. She made everyone feel so welcome with her warmth and great smile. I am fortunate to have worked and traveled with Debbie over the years, but I'm most grateful for her loyal friendship. --Shannon G.

Shannon Garrett - July 10, 2025 at 01:34 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Video Tribute



Hayhurst Funeral Home - July 07, 2025 at 12:06 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Debbie Taylor.



July 02, 2025 at 03:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Debbie Taylor.

July 02, 2025 at 01:34 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Debbie Taylor.



July 02, 2025 at 10:20 AM



“ Debbie was so caring. She was not just our boss, she was our friend. Always there to help us in any way she could, work or personal. Such a huge loss for all who knew her. My prayers go to all her family and loved ones.

Dawn Snyder - June 30, 2025 at 03:40 PM



Debbie was my oldest cousin. Although, as a child, it was Stan that I hung out with, you could never mistake the sound Debbie's laughter for anyone else. I truly can't think of a time she ever carried herself as an negative individual. As adults, I could be telling one of my dorkiest stories, and there she would be sitting, smiling and laughing, as if it were the funniest story she had ever heard. Her spirit was always kind and generous to me. Rest in peace, Beautiful Lady.

Lora Beeler - July 06, 2025 at 07:32 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Debbie Taylor.



June 30, 2025 at 02:15 PM

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“ *Debbie was my office colleague for 10 years, and we shared many memories involving the travel industry together. Debbie was kind, loyal, fair, and a ray of sunshine to everyone. She had a positive outlook on things, and her tenacity was always her strong suit.*

I was saddened to hear of her passing, and she will be greatly missed.

I pray that the God of Peace surrounds the family during this time of loss.

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Jeffrey Olinghouse - June 30, 2025 at 02:00 PM

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“ *I wouldn't know where to start. I loved her like a sister (and we fought like sisters). I will tell you that most of my memories include laughter and of course travel (that included laughter). We both loved the water and spent as much time as we could at the ocean snorkeling and whale watching. So many great memories! I love you my dear friend! Hugs Terry*

Terry Hartnett - June 30, 2025 at 11:48 AM

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“ *Donn A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Debra Taylor.*

Donn A. - June 28, 2025 at 08:18 PM



“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Taylor family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Debra.* ”



Hayhurst Funeral Home - June 27, 2025 at 02:24 PM