



Debra Ann Meredith

February 10, 1959 - June 8, 2016

Debbie Ann Sawyer was born on February 10, 1959 in Garden City, Kansas and passed away to her eternal home in Heaven provided by her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on June 8, 2016 in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma at the age of 57.

Debbie was preceded in death by her father, Ralph Marvin “Buz” Sawyer, and sister, Durita Sawyer. She is survived by her loving husband of 35 years, David Meredith of Broken Arrow; devoted daughters Melissa Meredith of Broken Arrow and Kristina Fensler and husband David; grandchildren Jaxson and Averie Fensler of Ada; mother Katie Sawyer of Tulsa, brothers Ron Krupovich and wife Cathy of Ottawa, Ralph Sawyer and wife Sherri of Wentzville, MO, and Steve Sawyer and wife Cindy of Broken Arrow; sister Monica Carter and husband Jimmy of Broken Arrow; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Debbie grew up in Tulsa and graduated from Nathan Hale High School in 1977. During her school years she played multiple positions in softball for church and recreational leagues, and enjoyed weekends on the lake waterskiing with her family and friends. She was known for her sweet demeanor and joy in living, and met the love of her life while working at The Baptist Bookstore. She went on to serve as a substitute teacher and a preschool music and motor skills teacher, but her most treasured role was that

of wife, mother, grandmother, and homemaker. Debbie cherished making her house a home and caring for her husband and two daughters. She left an imprint of love, strength, hospitality, and passion on all who crossed the threshold of her heart and home. She enjoyed arts and crafts, spending time with her family, and ministering to women.

Debbie was a believer in Jesus Christ. Known as a strong woman of valor, she loved and sacrificially served God with all her heart. She invested herself in leading women's ministry at her church and disciplining and mentoring young women in everyday life. She was a mighty prayer warrior and used her gifts of encouragement and service faithfully and passionately until God called her home. She leaves behind a powerful testimony of trusting God in suffering and is cherished as a spiritual mother to many.

Visitation will be Friday, June 10, 2016 from 6-8 pm at Hayhurst Funeral Home in Broken Arrow. A private graveside service will be held at Memorial Park Cemetery in Tulsa followed by a public celebration service at 11:00 am Saturday, June 11, 2016 at Skelly Drive Baptist Church in Tulsa with Dr. Michael Gabbert, Senior Pastor of Evergreen Baptist Church, Bixby officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to Evergreen Baptist Church of Bixby at 10301 E. 111th St. S., Bixby, OK 74008 or RiverCross Hospice of Tulsa at 9820 E. 41st. St., Ste. 400, Tulsa, OK 74146. Hayhurst Funeral Home 918-258-9623. Friends may share condolences at hayhurstfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

5111 S. Memorial Dr.
Tulsa, OK 74145
(918) 627-0220
<http://memorialparktulsa.com>

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 10. 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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1660 South Elm Place
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Celebration of Life

JUN 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

Skelly Drive Baptist Church
8504 E. Skelly Dr.
Tulsa, OK 74129

Tribute Wall

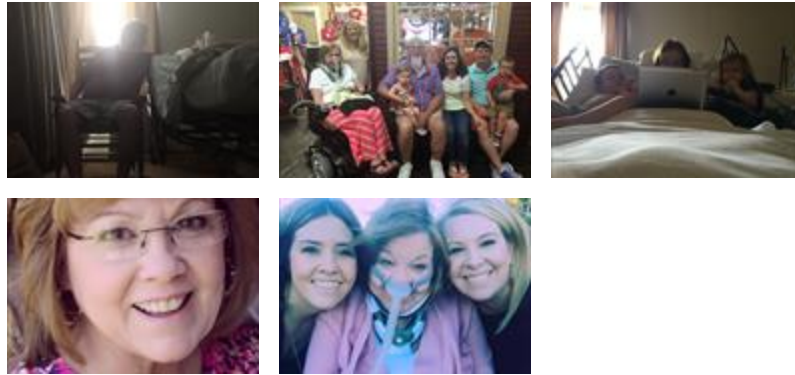


“ *Debra Ann Meredith*

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Hayhurst Funeral Home - June 13, 2016 at 11:10 AM



“ *Melissa, praying for you as you and your family walk this journey of grief. You have inspired many as you cared for your mom during this illness. Your Godly insight and words of honor for your mother has really blessed me. I am so thankful that I got to meet your mom at the ladies retreat in Hannibal. She was truly a Godly example and treasures. Hold all these memories close to your heart. Love you my sweet friend.*

Irene Hurt

Irene Hurt - June 11, 2016 at 09:36 PM

JH

“ For the past 3 months, every day, Debbie and I. Texted our prayer requests back and forth. We witnessed many answered prayers! We made an agreement that I would still text, even when she couldn't. These prayers we shared are like treasure to me! One day, we will see each other again...but we will be talking to Jesus in person then! Oh! What a happy day that will be...til then...❤️

Jill Sawyer Hatcher - June 11, 2016 at 09:07 AM

KL

“ I will always remember Debbie for her Godly example of compassion. She wrote notes and sent them as encouragement during difficult or challenging times in others life. I remember what a difference it made to me! What a sweet testimony and something I will remember as I strive to do the same!

Karen Liddle - June 11, 2016 at 06:55 AM

PG

“ My clearest memory of Debbie is when we cooked at camp together. Working 12 hours a day with someone, you really get to know them. She was unfailingly cheerful, hard-working, and Christ-honoring. Such a blessing!!

Paula Grier - June 11, 2016 at 05:59 AM

VP

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Miss Debbie when we taught children at the former Gracemont Baptist Church. I will always remember Miss Debbie as "joyful and steadfast". She never seemed to take center stage but the graciousness of our Lord shown through her. I am delighted she completed her journey here with such dignity and faithfulness. David, Melissa, Kristian, and family, my family will pray for you that Christ's comforting arms enfold each of you during this time. He knows your hearts and your family in Christ will not fail to pray for you.

In Christ,

Vicki Peters

Vicki Peters - June 11, 2016 at 02:09 AM

PC

“ We love you all Kristina, David, Jax and Averie. As we followed Debbie's journey through your blog, we became part of her family. Meeting Debbie at the ice water challenge in Jay was a high light in my life! She smiled and her eyes were shining and I could feel her love for everyone. She promised to tell my mom I love her when she got to heaven. I'm sure she made good on that promise. I can only imagine her joy at meeting her Lord and I know she is celebrating her new whole body. What an honor to have been a part of the prayer circle for her.

Ron and Phyllis Cate



Phyllis Cate - June 10, 2016 at 06:50 PM

PK

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Your Mom was one of those " McAuliffe Moms " who always had a special place in my heart. She was such a sweetheart.

Patricia McDonald Retired Kindergarten - June 10, 2016 at 08:22 AM

DC

“ Debbie had the love of the Lord and it shined through in everything she did. Her smile and the bright eyes that would light up a room were beautiful. One of my sweetest memories of Debbie was when she had to wear a collar to support her head, she could no longer speak and she was in a wheel chair but when I would draw close to her and touch her hand she would look up at me, smile and say with the movement of her lips "I'm praying for you". I have M.S. this dear lady had A.L.S. and she was suffering greatly but she still prayed for her friends. Our loss is heaven's gain and I look forward to the day when I also see our Lord and Debbie with her smile no more pain for her or anyone else. Just "Joy" and the beauty of God's love all around.

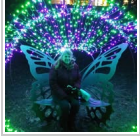
Dona Beth Clark - June 09, 2016 at 08:05 PM

JS

“ I will miss her smile the most. Great full God let our paths cross!



Jan Stacy - June 09, 2016 at 07:52 PM



“ *Debbie was such a shining star! Always smiling! I love the video of her dancing on a parking lot in her wheelchair! And the more recent picture of the "zoo" that visit her! She had some much life. I am sad she is gone, but I know she is with Jesus kicking up her heels!*

Janet



Janet Marts - June 09, 2016 at 05:52 PM

DF

“ *I just met Debbie once, but her kindness, smile and zest for life is something it just takes one "hit" of to remember for life. She was truly a special human being and all who met her are better off for it. Thank you, Debbie.*

*Don Fensler
Salem, Oregon*

Don Fensler - June 09, 2016 at 05:49 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Debra Ann Meredith.*



June 09, 2016 at 02:50 PM

CP

“Debbie was one of the most beautiful people I’ve known, inside and out. Our Lord and all of Heaven are rejoicing to have her home. This earth is much diminished without her sweet presence. David and Debbie’s love for each other is such a wonderful picture of what God intended—that which represents the love between a Savior and His Church. Debbie has crossed the finish line and received her resounding “Well done!!” David, Melissa, Kristina, we continue to hold you tightly in our hearts and prayers as we trust our Father for your peace, comfort and strength. You have just finished a most difficult leg in the race set that was before you, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith. You have represented Him well. Much love,
Celeste and Andrew Parker

Celeste Parker - June 09, 2016 at 02:26 PM



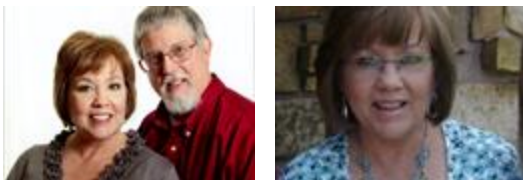
“Blushing Lilies was purchased for the family of Debra Ann Meredith.



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Hayhurst Funeral Home - June 09, 2016 at 01:14 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Debra Ann Meredith.



June 09, 2016 at 12:34 PM



“ I met Debbie through her daughter Melissa. During our mentoring sessions, I learned about this sweet family - two sisters so close; wonderful dad. One day I had the opportunity to meet my FB friend in person. Melissa brought her to the SWBTS Homemaking Conference. I know heaven is sweeter with Debbie's presence but her absence on earth will be mourned for a long time.

Joy Souther Cullen - June 09, 2016 at 11:58 AM



Debbie and I met at Gracemont Baptist Church. I will always remember her smile and love for her family. She was a beautiful person inside and out radiating the love of Christ everywhere she went. She is the reason Darrel and I are at Evergreen. We met at a Walgreens where she would restock the cards and we would talk. She invited us to Evergreen and the rest is history. Every time I hear the don't "I Will Trust in You" I will remember Debbie's smile even through the difficult times. I can rejoice knowing she is healthy and happy sitting praising God in the heavens. See you later Debbie. We love you

Ellen Barnes - June 11, 2016 at 08:58 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Debra Ann Meredith.



June 09, 2016 at 11:44 AM

KL

“ Keith and Creasey Jo Lawson purchased the Lavender Love Bouquet for the family of Debra Ann Meredith.



Keith and Creasey Jo Lawson - June 09, 2016 at 11:37 AM

HH

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



Hayhurst Funeral Home - June 08, 2016 at 03:48 PM