



Desma "Dez" Logsdon

May 15, 1954 - August 6, 2017

Services honoring the life of Desma Lee "Dez" Logsdon will be 11:00 a.m., Friday, August 11, 2017 at First United Methodist Church, Broken Arrow. Burial will take place prior to the funeral services at Park Grove Cemetery.

Desma was born on May 15, 1954 in Blackwell, Oklahoma to Robert and Allene (Stoner) Berline. Desma passed away on Sunday, August 6, 2017 at the age of 63.

Desma graduated from Blackwell High School and went on to earn an Associate's degree from Oklahoma State University in 1974. Desma worked as a secretary for Amerada Hess in downtown Tulsa after graduation and then became a stay-at-home mom for nearly 20 years taking care of her three children. In 1998, she graduated from Northeastern State University and later accepted a career as a Pre-K Teacher at Jenks Public Schools. She loved her work and very much enjoyed being a teacher.

On March 16, 2002 Desma married David Logsdon in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Desma was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother. She adored her family and loved spending time with them, especially her grandchildren.

Desma enjoyed planting flowers around her patio and pool area. She liked

buying jewelry, clothes, purses and shoes. She enjoyed going antique shopping and finding unique pieces to decorate her home. She enjoyed bluegrass music and traveling to favorite destinations such as Santa Fe and Eureka Springs. She grew up playing softball, which she continued into her young adulthood, and lifeguarding at the community pool in Blackwell.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Heart Association, PO Box 841125, Dallas, TX 75284-1125 or www.alz.org/oklahoma, Walk to End Alzheimer's, Team Bob Berline.

Desma is survived by,
Husband, David Logsdon, Broken Arrow, OK
Children, Heath Downs and wife Stephanie, Tulsa, OK
Hilary Penrod and husband Nic, Bixby, OK
Hannah Downs, Bixby, OK
Step-Daughter, Amber Logsdon
Grandchildren, Ada Penrod, Bixby, OK
Wakely Downs, Tulsa, OK

Desma was preceded in death by her parents, and sister, Alicia Pontius.

Cemetery Details

Park Grove Cemetery

1000 W. Houston St.
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 259-8691

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Methodist Church
112 E. College Street
Broken Arrow, OK 74012

Tribute Wall



“ *Desma "Dez" Logsdon*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *I was saddened to learn of Desma's death. Over the many years that I have known Desma, we would occasionally get together over a meal and have a good, long visit. I enjoyed those times with her. She loved her family and so proud of her children's accomplishments. I will miss her.*
Karen Battenfield

Karen Battenfield - August 15, 2017 at 09:18 PM



“ *So sad and a shock to read of Desma's passing. Gary worked at America Hess with Desma. Over the years our paths would cross and we'd update each other on our families. Several times I enjoyed watching her country dance at the Caravan. To her family, please accept our sympathy. She was a fine lady. We just saw the death notice in today's paper or we certainly would have reached out sooner. Gary and Regina Christopher*

Regina Christopher - August 11, 2017 at 12:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Desma "Dez" Logsdon.*



August 10, 2017 at 09:56 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Desma "Dez" Logsdon.*



August 10, 2017 at 01:21 PM



“ *My prayers are with your family. I will always remember my high school friend and OSU roommate. Dez blessed our lives with her smile and friendship.*



Sondra Messenger - August 09, 2017 at 07:35 PM



Continued prayers for entire family. I will miss visiting with you on here. Just heart breaking. You were just genuinely one of the kindest friends over many years.

Virginia Bradley - August 11, 2017 at 09:28 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. Desma and family were our next door neighbors for many years in Saddleback. RIP beautiful lady.*

Martha Jennings

Martha Jennings - August 09, 2017 at 05:14 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Desma "Dez" Logsdon.*



August 09, 2017 at 12:51 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Desma "Dez" Logsdon.*



August 09, 2017 at 12:24 PM



“ *words cannot begin to convey the sadness that I feel in the loss of such a wonderful, supportive friend. I first met Desma at OSU and am blessed to have maintained that friendship over the years. I will miss so many things about her---her genuine smile, her style and grace, the devotion to her family and the pride and joy she expressed when talking about them, her dedication to teaching, her incredible memory for details of events, her love of OSU, and so much more. Though our three hour lunches have come to an end, Desma will always be in my heart.
Love, hugs, and prayers to David, Heath, Hilary, and Hannah. May God's grace and the rich memories of many happy times help sustain you today and in the days to come.
Teresa Nightingale*

teresa nightngale - August 09, 2017 at 09:29 AM

JE

“ *Jenks East Elementary purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Desma "Dez" Logsdon.*



Jenks East Elementary - August 08, 2017 at 10:34 PM


Suzanne
Thompson
Stanton

“ *Desma or " mrs. Logsdon" as we know her, was such a blessing to my family. We have two sons who are 12 years apart and she taught both of them. My youngest son was particularly fond of her and used to say he missed her during the summer. Her dedication was very evident in all she did for her students. She talked fondly of her family often. I am so sorry for your loss.*

Suzan Stanton

Suzanne Thompson Stanton - August 08, 2017 at 10:09 PM

DJ

“ *I have worked with Desma over the past 17 years at Jenks East Elementary. Three years ago I moved into Bldg B and we became best friends. We would frequently eat lunch together and talk about our families and growing up in the 50's and 60's and found we had so much in common. Desma would talk about her love of family, her students, and friends. I was amazed by her grace, generosity, and humor. She was fiercely loyal to family and friends and will be forever missed. Prayers for family and friends. Love you sista!!* ❤️ 🙏

Deborah Johnson - August 08, 2017 at 09:37 PM

JA

“ Praying for Desma's family, friends and the many lives she touched. I have such fond memories of her and the family as I used to look up to her and my sister in the 70's... like when I'd beg/bother them to go with them to Sonic. I was the friend's pesky lil sister. Desma, you sweet lady, you will be missed but always remembered.

Janet - August 08, 2017 at 07:01 PM

BN

“ I met Desma while working at the Amerada Hess Corporation in the 70s; we were just down the hall from each other and all through the years after that would see her at various places here and there in Tulsa. She was a such a sweet friend and my heart is saddened for her loss on this earth. Just seems way too soon. My remembrance of her holds cherished thoughts and my very deepest sympathy goes out to her family. May God's grace cover each of you through this difficult time. Love & Prayers, Brenda Nowlin

Brenda Nowlin - August 08, 2017 at 06:52 PM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Desma "Dez" Logsdon.



August 08, 2017 at 06:26 PM

SL

“ We were classmate and good old blackwell high school. It was a shock and very sad to her. She will be greatly missed. Sharon and Stefan (Vetter) Leach

sharon vetter leach - August 08, 2017 at 04:16 PM

SS

“ Stephanie 'Ford' Shrader lit a candle in memory of Desma "Dez" Logsdon



Stephanie 'Ford' Shrader - August 08, 2017 at 01:58 PM

SS

“ So saddened to hear of this. Some of My first real memories were of you and Heath, and Hilary.. Hannah, too. Your house in Saddleback.. where I cut Hilary's hair while playing salon. 😞 You were not happy, but you handled it with poise. I remember how your house, like you, was so perfect. You would vacuum and then ask that we stay off carpet, mainly in one particular room. 😊 Then Hilary and I would need something so we'd sneak across and then get on our hands and knees to wipe our footprints and evidence away! 😂 I spent so much time with you and your family and before you went to Bogata, when Hilary stayed with us so we could have time together.. that was a sad day for us. I will cherish all these memories and miss you! So glad I did run into you about a year and a half ago and able to catch up! looking as classy as ever I might add. 😊 Love you always! Forever in my heart. Stephanie 'Ford' Shrader

Stephanie 'Ford' Shrader - August 08, 2017 at 01:57 PM

JF

“ So shocked and saddened to know of your passing, DESMA! You were one of the most put together women I have ever known! You and I had many a good laugh, with me a dirty, mess mowing and doin and you looking like you stepped out of a magazine.... AT ALL TIMES! We loved you and your children, and I so enjoyed them in Children's Chior, as their director! Thank you for trusting Craig and I to care for Hilary, before the big move to Bogata. You were the best mother EVER, and as sweet as honey. We love you and know you are safe with God and only a prayer away 🙏❤️

Jeris ford & craig ford - August 08, 2017 at 01:30 PM

EW

“ We are saddened to hear of Desma's passing and are sorry that we will not be able to attend the service due to a previous commitment. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. I remember so well how beautifully Desma sang as a choir member at FUMC BA. She will be greatly missed.
Eileen and Dalton Wiley

Eileen O Wiley - August 08, 2017 at 01:12 PM

SR

“ I met Desma on the first day of Kindergarten at Washington Elementary. Remembering the birthday parties, play dates at the farm, jacks tournaments, jumping rope, her old chicken coop playhouse, and other milestones of growing up with her are special memories. No matter the separation of time between meetings, she always met you with the warmth of her smile. Ted and I pray that the comfort and love of your precious memories will support you all through your time if loss. God bless.

Susan and Ted Reusser - August 08, 2017 at 11:10 AM

RB

“ Robert and Carol Bird, James and Molly Breshears purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Desma "Dez" Logsdon.



Robert and Carol Bird, James and Molly Breshears - August 08, 2017 at 10:53 AM

JD

“ Greg and I are so very sorry for your loss. Desma was the sweetest and kindest person...always! She was always thinking of others. What I remember most about her was her amazing smile and laugh. God bless you and your family and I pray that your precious memories of her will provide comfort.

Jacque Dale - August 08, 2017 at 08:11 AM

BB

“ Byron and I are both shocked and saddened beyond words at the very sudden passing of Desma. We always looked forward to seeing her smiling face at family gatherings and at the bluegrass festival. David, Hillary and Heather our hearts break for you and we pray that God will bless you with His peace in time. Byron and Bette

bette berline - August 07, 2017 at 10:57 PM

PM

“ I was so sorry to hear of Desma's passing. Sending thoughts and prayers to her family.
Patty (Sherrill) Means

Patty Means - August 07, 2017 at 09:27 PM

AJ

“ I first met Desma at Washington Elementary School. She was the best speller in the class, and always had perfect attendance. Desma had a great hat with long blonde braids - she looked like she belonged in the Alps when she wore that hat. This is a real tragedy - a beautiful life cut much too short. My condolences to her family - you were always first in her heart.

Allan Jenkins

Allan Jenkins - August 07, 2017 at 07:13 PM

CM

“ So very sorry to hear of Desma's passing. She was a year ahead of me in school, but we knew each other much more through church activities. My sincere condolences to her family. She was a great person!



*Cheryl Marquardt
Blackwell, OK*

Cheryl Marquardt - August 07, 2017 at 06:17 PM

JK

I first met Desma at the swimming pool when I was very young, and just never let her leave my heart. She was so special and touched everyone who met her. She will truly be missed. Prayers, thoughts and hugs to you all.

Julie kincheloe kelle - August 08, 2017 at 01:08 PM

SF

My sincere sympathy to Desma's family. Desma and I taught together at Jenks Public Schools. She was always an encourager to me, her smile warmed my day and was accompanied with kind words. Desma impacted the lives of many Jenks Public School students. We will miss you Desma.

Sharon Felty

Sharon Felty - August 08, 2017 at 05:21 PM

RJ

“ So sorry to hear about Desma. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family.

Robbie Jones - August 07, 2017 at 05:50 PM

MM

“ We are so very sorry to learn of Desma's passing. She looked radiant in pictures with her family. Sending you a prayer of peace that passes all understanding.

Mark and GK Merrill - August 07, 2017 at 05:47 PM

JB

“ Prayers to all. I had the privilege to call her my best friend thru Jr. High. Great memories of riding the school bus to her home, Aileen kept refrigerator stocked with shaved ham and how her mom could whistle any tune. Slumber parties. How her hair turned green in the swimming pool. Great memories but the greatest was being there to witness and help with the delivery of her firstborn at St. Francis hospital in Tulsa. May God bless you all during this time and know God had all of you in his embrace

judy thomas boyce - August 07, 2017 at 04:37 PM

BR

“ I feel sorry for her family and she was a good person prayers for the family

Billie Reid - August 07, 2017 at 04:03 PM

SA

“ So sorry to hear of Desma's passing. Her Mother Aliene and my sister Rheva were the best of friends in highscool and after. Desma and I were FB friends. Prayers for all of her family.

Shirley Casper Anderson

Shirley Casper Anderson - August 07, 2017 at 03:29 PM

HH

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



Hayhurst Funeral Home - August 07, 2017 at 03:19 PM

MG

“ I was so saddened to hear of Desma's passing. She was a wonderful classmate and from a well-loved family. Following her on Facebook as she shared the love of her husband, children and grandchildren was always uplifting. Desma's passion for her students was evident. I know she brought abundantly love and joy to her family and all who knew her. May the Lord Jesus comfort and draw you close during this time of sorrow. I am praying for the family.

Marla Graves

Marla Graves - August 07, 2017 at 01:26 PM

GT

“ I'm so sorry for the loss of Desma and the grief you're going through. I'm very saddened by her passing. I have a lot of good memories of fun times with Desma. I'm praying for you and that God will richly bless you. Gary Tucker

Gary Tucker - August 07, 2017 at 12:53 PM

SS

To Desma's children and family; May each time you think of all the wonderful memories you had with Delma that it brings a smile to your heart and ease the pain of losing her. Many prayers for the family.
Susan Siner

Susan Siner - August 07, 2017 at 06:51 PM