



Roberta Donnelly Sweem

September 12, 1949 - March 25, 2022

Roberta Marie (Donnelly) Sweem was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma on Monday, September 12, 1949, to John Robert and Dorothy (Jones) Donnelly. She passed from this life to her eternal home in heaven on Friday, March 25, 2022, at the age of 72.

Roberta was the second of five children born to the Donnelly's. Her father was a banker, and her mother was a real estate agent. She grew up in Broken Arrow and graduated from Broken Arrow High School in 1967. She was the Football Homecoming Queen her senior year in high school. After high school, she married and gave birth to two sons. She had a big heart and enjoyed caring for others. She learned cosmetology and did hair and makeup for a few years, cared for children in her home, was a nanny, and sold children's shoes, before she found her true calling serving Christ as an ordained minister and missionary. She founded several ministries and worked with multiple churches. Her ministry work included a trip to China, multiple trips to India, as well as ministering to prisoners at several different prisons in Oklahoma. She later worked at the prayer line at Oral Roberts.

She raised her sons in Broken Arrow. They describe her as kind and loving. She loved watching romantic comedies and had an infectious laugh that would cause others to laugh with her. She enjoyed playing cards, but for her it was less about winning than visiting with those she loved. She was "Nana" to

her six grandchildren. One of the things she loved to do was watch movies with them, including “Chitty Chitty Bang Bang” over and over dozens of times.

A dear friend of hers by the name of Cindy said this: “Your mom was super proud of you boys and was over the moon for her grandchildren. She loved the Lord and did well on her mission trips. And her most fond memories of school years was when she was given the privilege of being Football Homecoming Queen. She was my spiritual mother and I loved her dearly for over thirty years. I know she is elated to be in God’s presence. Forever grateful for her friendship and prayers.” Her school friend and blood sister, Shelly, said that she “was the thread that bound us together, always happy to hear from one and all,” and that she said the “most beautiful prayers.”

Roberta will be fondly remembered by all who knew and loved her. Left to cherish her memory:

Sons: Martin Sweet and wife Anna of Sterlington, Louisiana, and Matthew Sweet of Tulsa.

Brothers and Sisters: Dennis Donnelly and wife Nita of Coweta, Michael Donnelly and wife Dawn of Hawaii, and Debbie Roop of Coweta.

Grandchildren: Mia Marie Sweet, Madison Makena Sweet, Larry Mason Sweet, Christopher Blaise Sweet, Jude Michael Sweet, and Annemarie Cristina Sweet.

And many nieces, nephews, godchildren, and cousins.

Those who preceded her in death were her parents, Bob and Dorothy, and her brother, Billy Donnelly.

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR **30**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
1660 South Elm Place
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
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Visitation

MAR **30**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

MAR **31**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

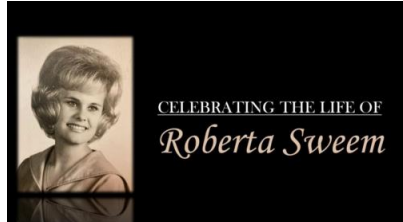
MAR 31. 2:30 PM (CT)

Calvary Cemetery
9101 S. Harvard Avenue
Tulsa, OK 74137

Tribute Wall



“ Hayhurst Funeral Home created a Funeral Service in memory of Roberta Donnelly Sweem



Hayhurst Funeral Home - March 28, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ Roberta Donnelly Sweem

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Video Tribute



Hayhurst Funeral Home - April 01, 2022 at 01:06 PM



“ Cinda Haney lit a candle in memory of Roberta Donnelly Sweem



Cinda Haney - March 30, 2022 at 06:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Roberta Donnelly Sweem.*



March 30, 2022 at 02:42 PM



“ *No words can describe how much Roberta meant to me, She was my spiritual mother, back up mother & friend. She taught me so much, and she was the only one who could give me constructive criticism for my good and me still adore it and love her through all our good times and not so good. Our prayers of agreement sustained the both of us. I know the family better than y'all know because our friendship stood the test of time for (3) decades!, She prayed for each and every one of you consistently. Hope y'all will stay in touch so I can witness and rejoice over all her requests that she labored in love . Thank you for blessing her with the condo and providing for her. I know God saw every single gift displayed by ya'll. The Lord is soon to come, Please get your homes in order and all your other pursuits will fall into place. Love and Blessings to each.
Cindy*

Cindy Andress - March 29, 2022 at 11:34 AM



“ *Michael & Dawn Donnelly and family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Roberta Donnelly Sweem.*



Michael & Dawn Donnelly and family - March 28, 2022 at 02:11 PM

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“ Roberta was absolutely amazing, she would come to our youth meetings , the music was so loud , she would just grin an bare it so she could pray with the teens , such an amazing prayer warrior, she will be missed 🙏😎❤️👍

steve epp - March 27, 2022 at 11:14 PM

GB

“ Wow. We go way back. Our mission trip to India was legendary. She was a dear friend and sister. I look forward to seeing her again. Fortunately, I had a conversation with her not long ago. She was a great blessing and encouragement to me. Gene Ruth Brumback

Gene Ruth Brumback - March 27, 2022 at 10:23 PM

JJ

“ Roberta was always such a beautiful blessing to our church and has been on my team of people I contact for prayer when something that touches my heart comes up. She will be missed and she was greatly loved by the body of Christ.

Jay Jones - March 27, 2022 at 09:46 PM

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“ Broken Arrow Class of 1967 purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Roberta Donnelly Sweem.



Broken Arrow Class of 1967 - March 26, 2022 at 12:37 PM

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



Hayhurst Funeral Home - March 26, 2022 at 09:25 AM