



Ruthe "Denise" Fagan

August 13, 1954 - August 21, 2022

A Service celebrating the life of Denise Fagan will be held at 10:00 AM on Friday, August 26, 2022, at Hayhurst Funeral Home Chapel. Graveside Committal will follow at 2:00 PM at Mount Hermon Cemetery in Jay, Oklahoma. There will be a Viewing on Thursday, August 25 from Noon-8:00 PM, with the family present for Visitation from 5:30-7:30.

Ruthe "Denise" Pritchett Fagan was born in Kansas City, Missouri on Friday, August 13, 1954, to Harry and Verna (Duncan) Pritchett. She passed from this life in Tulsa, Oklahoma on Sunday, August 21, 2022, at the age of 68.

Denise was very proud of her Cherokee Indian Heritage. Her grandmother lived on the land allotted to her family from the Trail of Tears. She enjoyed spending time at her Grandma Opal's helping with the farm, the house and learning about her heritage.

Mike and Denise met on a blind date. Mike was stationed at Fort Hood (Texas) and was granted a 3-day pass. He didn't have time to go home to Pittsburgh so his buddy, Gary offered to let him to go home with him to Jay, Oklahoma. Gary was going there to see his girlfriend, Jackie and suggested she bring a friend for Mike. She brought along Denise. With that chance meeting, they were married 3 months later on May 24, 1971, and from this union 4 children were born.

Denise loved gardening. She always had beautiful flower beds. Flowers of all kinds from roses to tulips to hibiscus, elephant ears, lilies, her mother's favorites, hyacinths, and naked ladies, just to name a few. Every year for as long as she was living, she and her sister, Kathy worked tirelessly putting together hundreds of sprays and flower arrangements for their family members buried at Mount Hermon Cemetery. When Kathy passed in 2013 Denise carried on the tradition as well as she could despite her own failing health.

She was known for her cooking. If you came to Denise's house, you were not leaving with an empty belly. She was best known for sneaking snacks to her grandbabies even when their parents told her not to. She would say, "I am not going to let these babies starve"!

Besides watching her TV shows, her other favorite past times were playing cards or "5000" (dice game) with family and friends, word finds and jigsaw puzzles. When her kids were young, she ran a home daycare and was very active in the PTA. She also taught preschool at Walter Reed Elementary school and was even able to have her 3 younger children in her class. The family running joke is that Mikie is so smart because he had 4 years of preschool.

She also enjoyed sewing and genealogy, but her truest passion was being a mother and grandmother. She devoted her life to raising her children and welcomed every child who walked through her door with open arms. One would say, she stood in the gap of other mothers. It was not uncommon for her to take in her friend's children in times of need. If you knew Denise, you knew you always had a place to lay your head at night. We knew Denise was passionate about motherhood but, that passion exploded 10-fold with the birth of each grandbaby. She carried on the tradition of her open arm/open door

policy with the grands. Her grandsons' close friend, Garrett said it best when he said, "I would describe her as loving, it didn't matter if you were blood or not. I've always considered her my grandma".

Words that her family used to describe Denise are brave, strong, a fighter (to the very end), selfless, fierce, courageous, steely, caregiver, stubborn, cherished, nurturing, beautiful, warrior, good storyteller, warm-hearted, prankster, benevolent, sweet, compassionate, kind, generous, protective, accepting, gracious, caring, and dedicated. But mostly loving.

From Meagan -- I asked for a pink purse full of candy. She made it HAPPEN!

From LeAnn -- Denise was always there for me. When my sister, Gayle died I called Denise and she dropped everything was by my side.

From Jeremy -- It didn't matter what we had said or done, we were always welcomed at mom and dads.

She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Left to cherish her memory are husband, Michael of the home in Broken Arrow

Daughter, Bridgette Mercer and her husband, Brandon of Broken Arrow

Daughter, Catherine Deliz and her husband, Ivan of Broken Arrow

Daughter, Connie Wilson of Broken Arrow

Son, Michael Fagan, II and his wife, Ashley of Owasso

Brother, Kevin Pritchett and his wife, Judy of Pryor

15 Grandchildren: Bianca, Cody, Allison, Bailey, Mikayla, Austin, Meagan, Nathan, Christian, Alexa, Harrison, Emma, Taylor, Michael, III, and Marrec

Nephews: Johnnie Ray Earp of Jay

Kevin Pritchett, Jr and his wife Rachel of Salina

Great Nephews: Jordan Earp and his wife, Rebecca of Jenks

Jacob Earp of Virginia

Those who preceded her in death are her parents: Harry and Verna Lee

Pritchett; Sister: Kathy Earp; and Brothers: Michael Ray Earp and Ronald

Pritchett

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG **25**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
1660 South Elm Place
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 258-9623
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

Visitation

AUG **25**. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

AUG **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
1660 South Elm Place
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Graveside Service

AUG **26**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Mount Hermon Cemetery
Jay, OK 74146

Tribute Wall



“ Hayhurst Funeral Home created a Funeral Service in memory of Ruthe "Denise" Fagan



Hayhurst Funeral Home - August 22, 2022 at 09:02 AM

HO

I love you so much. We will all miss u. Your now our angel that can keep an eye on us all. You taught me how to love like no other. All I can think of when I think of you is the love you gave unconditionally. My life was so much better having you in my life. We love you and will miss you terribly. holly. Prayers for your family.

holly - August 24, 2022 at 09:45 PM

KB

I am grateful for our friendship. I will cherish so many memories. You are already missed immensely. My heartfelt thoughts and prayers for family.

Karen Burton - August 26, 2022 at 07:31 AM

DF

*A life well lived and a life well celebrated, a very moving service
Dan and Martha*

Dan Fagan - August 26, 2022 at 11:51 AM

BC

My mother, Barbara, thought very highly of Denise and cherished your visits to her home in Littleton, Ma. The service honoring Denise's life was simply lovely, and I will not forget her.

Bob Coole

Bob Coole - August 26, 2022 at 08:55 PM



“ *Ruthe "Denise" Fagan*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruthe "Denise" Fagan.*



August 25, 2022 at 05:42 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruthe "Denise" Fagan.*



August 25, 2022 at 03:19 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruthe "Denise" Fagan.*



August 25, 2022 at 11:09 AM



“ *Mimi purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ruthe "Denise" Fagan.*



Mimi - August 25, 2022 at 10:47 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruthe "Denise" Fagan.*



August 24, 2022 at 08:15 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ruthe "Denise" Fagan.*



August 24, 2022 at 07:49 PM

EW

“ Our hearts and prayers go out to the family and friends that are grieving. Eric and I share in your sadness at this time of loss. Love,
Elizabeth Williams & Eric Gross

Elizabeth Williams - August 24, 2022 at 11:04 AM

EE

“ Eric & Elizabeth purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ruthe "Denise" Fagan.



Eric & Elizabeth - August 24, 2022 at 10:59 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruthe "Denise" Fagan.



August 24, 2022 at 10:08 AM

WC

“ With love, cousin John Charles purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ruthe "Denise" Fagan.



With love, cousin John Charles - August 24, 2022 at 12:31 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Ruthe "Denise" Fagan.*



August 23, 2022 at 12:07 PM

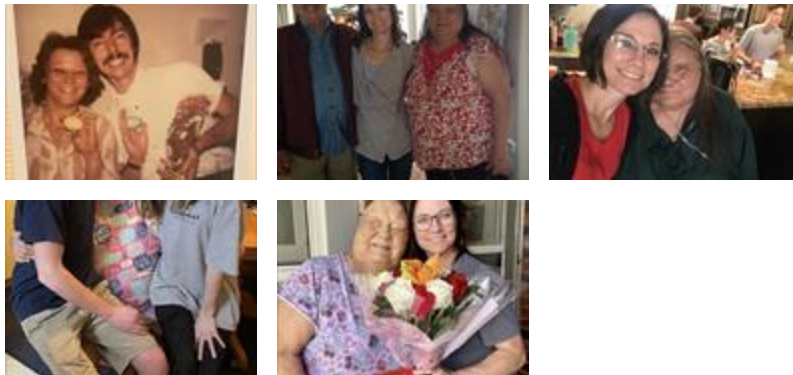


“ *Denise, you fought to the end. Rest in peace, sis.*

Kate Nelson - August 23, 2022 at 11:09 AM



“ *My mother was fierce and brave. She loved with her whole heart. She fought til the very end. It was heartbreaking to witness but knowing she is pain free and at peace now makes the pain a little more tolerable. Rest In Peace mom. I love you forever!*



Constance Wilson - August 23, 2022 at 10:54 AM



I am so sorry for you and your families loss, Connie. We love you and you are in our prayers.

Stephanie George - August 25, 2022 at 09:21 AM



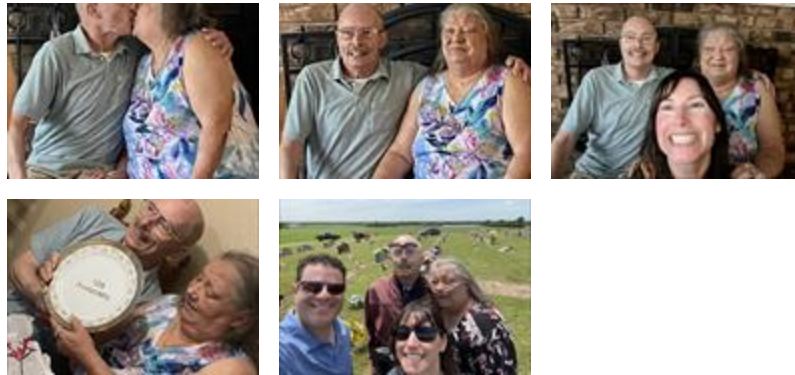
“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ruthe "Denise" Fagan.*



August 23, 2022 at 10:31 AM



“ *My Mom loves us all, she'll be deeply missed. Heaven definitely has another fierce warrior now, watching over all of us whom she loves. I love you so much, Mother.*



Catherine Deliz - August 23, 2022 at 09:55 AM



“ *Sprouts 807 purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ruthe "Denise" Fagan.*



Sprouts 807 - August 23, 2022 at 09:15 AM

AK

“ Anne (Marie) Welsh Keller lit a candle in memory of Ruthe "Denise" Fagan



Anne (Marie) Welsh Keller - August 22, 2022 at 08:07 PM

RI

“ Rita purchased the Divine Light for the family of Ruthe "Denise" Fagan.



Rita - August 22, 2022 at 01:19 PM

HH

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



Hayhurst Funeral Home - August 21, 2022 at 04:44 AM