



Deanna Dee Wickes

October 25, 1951 - September 3, 2020

Deanna Dee Cummings Wickes was born in Conroe, Texas on October 25, 1951 to Alvin and Phyllis Cummings. Her family moved to Placedo, Texas when she was two and that is where she grew up until she left for college. She was one of four siblings which included brothers David, Danny and sister Debra. She graduated from Bloomington High School in 1969 where she was Drum Major her junior and senior years. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Sam Houston State University in 1972 with a degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology. She received her Master's Degree in Education in 1976. Deanna married Billy Linville in 1972 and joined him in North Carolina where he was stationed in the Marine Corps. She was employed by Onslow County Schools for three years. Upon their return to Huntsville, Texas, Deanna was a speech therapist for Livingston ISD for one year and a special education teacher for Huntsville ISD for one year before joining the Region 6 Education Service Center as a Special Education Specialist where she later became Director of Special Education. Her employment there lasted 41 years until her retirement in 2018. She raised three daughters, Glenna, April and Marla (twins). They were the joys of her life. She made sure they were involved in activities such as dance, softball, Girl Scouts, church...and they never missed a parade! She was married to Ron Wickes for five years beginning in 2000. In 2009, she lost her daughter, Marla. At that time, she became mom to Marla's son, Christian, getting to enjoy life raising a son/grandson. She enjoyed his activities with him including football, bike

racing, soccer, basketball, golf and SCUBA diving. They enjoyed many trips together over the years such as the Grand Canyon, Alaska and the Caribbean. Deanna enjoyed reading, walking, golf, SCUBA diving, travel, and her children and grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her daughter Marla, her sister Debra and both of her parents. She is survived by her daughters, Glenna Laughlin and April Simms. She is also survived by her grandchildren Christian, Jensen, Adam, Lincoln and Luci as well as her furry companions Yoda and Molly. Visitation will be held Monday, September 7, 2020 from 6-8pm at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, 10129 FM 1097 West, Willis, Texas. A Funeral Service will be Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 3pm at Conroe Bible Church, 4491 North I-45, Conroe, Texas. Social distancing will be required during visitation and service. Face masks are required. After the death of her daughter Marla, one of her favorite charities was American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Donations may be made to AFSP.org. You are invited to leave a written condolence on our website at www.shmfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Willis
10129 FM 1097 Rd W.
Willis, TX 77318
(936) 890-0454
greg@shmfm.com

Funeral Service

SEP 8. 3:00 PM (CT)

Conroe Bible Church
4491 I-45 North
Conroe, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *Deanna Dee Wickes*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I just stumbled on Deanna's obituary by accident. I worked with Ron Wickes, so I got to know Deanna through him. She was an incredible woman and she often spoke of her kids and grandkids! She loved her family dearly. I'm saddened by this news, but grateful for knowing her.*

Jeff Luntz - October 26, 2021 at 06:36 PM



“ *We send our condolences to the family. Thank you for your generosity towards AFSP Southeast Texas.*

Cammy Hazim - September 11, 2020 at 05:22 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to Deanna's family. She will be missed here at Region 6.*

Shellie Geer



Shellie Geer - September 08, 2020 at 03:33 PM

JJ

“ *Jaime Johnson purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Deanna Dee Wickes.*



Jaime Johnson - September 08, 2020 at 11:59 AM

AE

“ *Deanna was incredibly respected and beloved by the 20 Education Service Centers in Texas. She dedicated her life to serving students with disabilities and the educators that served them. We, at Region 10, are deeply saddened to hear of this loss. We have the utmost respect for her and her work will live on for many years. I hope that her family reading this knows what an incredible woman she was and how much she meant to the world of Special Education across the state of Texas.*



*Our deepest condolences,
April Estrada and the Special Populations Team
Region 10 Education Service Center
Dallas, TX*

April Estrada - September 08, 2020 at 10:54 AM

RN

“ *I will miss you and will always be thankful that you mentored us through the TWU program.*
Becky Noel



Rebecca Noel - September 08, 2020 at 09:38 AM

MT

“ *Mary Thaler lit a candle in memory of Deanna Dee Wickes*



Mary Thaler - September 07, 2020 at 07:53 PM

LO

“ *Lucy and Nathan O'Hara purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Deanna Dee Wickes.*



Lucy and Nathan O'Hara - September 07, 2020 at 06:57 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Deanna Dee Wickes.*



September 07, 2020 at 12:57 PM

AS

“ May you find comfort and peace from God, family and friends during this time. Deanna was a wonderful, vibrant, and incredible lady. She loved her children and adored her grandchildren. She shared many stories about them with me. My favorite word to describe her is friend. Our friendship was based on trust, acceptance, and respect. Deanna was one of my most favorite people. We created lots of memories through many activities, as she did with many others. She will be missed; but the memories will keep her in our hearts. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Al Stewart

Al Stewart - September 07, 2020 at 10:33 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deanna Dee Wickes.



September 06, 2020 at 11:07 PM

MB

“ Marc & Heather Boivin purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Deanna Dee Wickes.



Marc & Heather Boivin - September 06, 2020 at 09:19 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Deanna Dee Wickes.



September 06, 2020 at 07:21 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Deanna Dee Wickes.



September 06, 2020 at 12:54 PM



“ *M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Deanna Dee Wickes*



M. Hyvl - September 06, 2020 at 09:59 AM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of Deanna Dee Wickes.



September 06, 2020 at 09:09 AM

KM

“ Glenna, you spoke about your mother so much when we worked together at Baylor University that I feel as if I knew her. I have enjoyed watching over the years as your relationship grew closer and closer. It was obvious how much she loved you and April and all of her grandchildren. Please know that you will be in my prayers and in my heart.

kay murdock - September 06, 2020 at 08:51 AM

CB

“ We had the privilege of having Deanna as a wonderful neighbor for the past eight years. The day we met, after getting the formalities out of the way, her first question to me was, "Where do y'all go to church". Tells you where her priorities lay. I also found out that we had many mutual friends from Madisonville because of her work at Region 6 in Huntsville. Our hearts and prayers go out to Christian, Ron and the girls.

Clifford and Leslie Barnett

Clifford Barnett - September 06, 2020 at 08:14 AM

JP

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Deanna was always more than a boss to me. I thought the world of her. Praying that God will send his peace to you all. I wish I was able to travel so I could be at the funeral, but that is not possible right now.

Jeanne Patrick - September 05, 2020 at 10:59 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Deanna Dee Wickes.*



September 05, 2020 at 10:39 PM



“ *Peace Eternal Wreath was purchased for the family of Deanna Dee Wickes.*



September 05, 2020 at 08:49 PM



“ *Laci Pegoda Chatham lit a candle in memory of Deanna Dee Wickes*



Laci Pegoda Chatham - September 05, 2020 at 08:21 PM



“ *Praying for Deanna and her loving family
My dear long distance friend
She will be missed
Helen Parks*

Helen Parks - September 05, 2020 at 08:17 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Deanna Dee Wickes.*



September 05, 2020 at 08:13 PM



“ *She was such a force for special education. She knew so much and helped so many educators. She will be missed. Prayers for her family. The love she had for her family was so evident in everything she did.*

Diane Roberson - September 05, 2020 at 06:58 PM



“ *Deanna was such a happy soul. The last time I saw her was at a high school reunion and she was just as lovely as ever. I know she will be missed by her girls and grands and friends. Love to each of you. Ann McFadden*

Ann McFadden - September 05, 2020 at 06:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deanna Dee Wickes.*



September 05, 2020 at 05:23 PM

NS

“ *Nell Skains and Wendy Skains-McLeod purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Deanna Dee Wickes.*



Nell Skains and Wendy Skains-McLeod - September 05, 2020
at 05:10 PM

RD

“ *Roger/Tamara Dixon lit a candle in memory of Deanna Dee Wickes*



Roger/Tamara Dixon - September 05, 2020 at 05:06 PM

MK

“ *Melinda Wooderson Perzan and Paula Pemberton Kelm purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Deanna Dee Wickes.*



Melinda Wooderson Perzan and Paula Pemberton Kelm -
September 05, 2020 at 05:00 PM

MF

“ *Mary Ann Faulkner lit a candle in memory of Deanna Dee Wickes*



Mary Ann Faulkner - September 05, 2020 at 04:51 PM



“ *With Distinction was purchased for the family of Deanna Dee Wickes.*



September 05, 2020 at 04:41 PM



“ *Deanna will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with with all who love her as they have to say goodbye to a mother, grandmother, and friend.*
Teresa Anderson

Teresa Anderson - September 04, 2020 at 09:02 PM



My thoughts and prayers are with family and friends. I will always remember Deanna and the time spent at ESC Region 6.

Nodya Thornton

Nodya Thornton - September 05, 2020 at 10:24 AM



May God bless the family in this time of sadness. I taught her when she was a freshman at Bloomington... I will always remember "Dinky"!

Charles (Sonny) Baker - September 06, 2020 at 07:04 AM