



Deborah Eliza Nelson Dousay

January 1, 1952 - February 12, 2026

Deborah Eliza Nelson Dousay, 74, of Magnolia, Texas, entered her heavenly home to rest in the arms of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on February 12, 2026. Born on January 1, 1952, in Beaumont, Texas, her life was a beautiful testament to strength, perseverance, devotion, joy, and unwavering love. She was known to many as Debby or Deb. By those she cherished the most, she was called “Mammy.”

In June of 1969, she met the love of her life, Robert “Robbie” Dousay, in a story that became a family legend — when he was stung by a wasp while working on a water well at her sister’s house. They were married on November 27, 1970, welcomed three children, and enjoyed a beautiful and fulfilling life together for 55 years.

Deborah passionately battled cancer for five years in a journey that was not defined by illness, but strength. With a warrior’s spirit of courage and resilience and unwavering faith that revealed her trust in God’s plan, she never stopped showing up for her family or encouraging others. She was a cherished daughter, wife, mother, sister, cousin, niece, aunt, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. With a gift of finding joy and meaning in the simple things, a quick wit, and childlike spirit, she was known for her playful disposition. She often expressed this through her collection of crazy socks, hunting for or talking about her Coca-Cola treasures and adventures, or

dressing up in her signature red color from Fedora to shoes. She was a tiny woman with a huge personality that was unforgettable.

She is survived by her loving husband, Robert; her three daughters, Brandal (Michael Sr.), Crystal (Brandon), and Brooke (Jonathan); her eleven grandchildren, Mikey, Robert Andrew (Mikayla), Madison (Ty), Missey (Wyatt), Chloe (Cam), Mitchel, MaryAnn, Kyleigh, Braelyn, Emmy, and Reese and Alexis and Alex, whom she loved as much as her own; her six great-grandchildren, Niko, Lucy, Troy, Kajsa, Zander, and Robbie; her mother-in-law, Wanda Hickerson; her nephew, Wayne Nelson; and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Earl Nelson and Adeline Berry Nelson; her sister, Carol Babineaux; and her brother, Emmett Nelson.

Serving as pallbearers are: Michael Morris, Jr., Robert Christmas, Mitchel Morris, Cameron Miller, Wyatt Speight, and Alex Hintz.

Though her absence leaves a space that cannot be filled, her legacy lives on in the lives she shaped, the faith she modeled, and the love she so freely gave. The faith and courage that carried her through life's hardest battles now stands as her testimony here while she rests in the arms of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Visitation with family and friends will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2026 from 12:00-1:00pm at Living Stones Church followed by a Celebration of Life at 1:00 pm, 26605 Peden Rd., Magnolia, TX. Arrangements are under the direction of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home – Willis, TX.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 21. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Living Stones Church
26605 Peden Rd
Magnolia, TX 77355

Funeral Service

FEB 21. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Living Stones Church
26605 Peden Rd
Magnolia, TX 77355

Reception following service

FEB 21 (CT)

Living Stones Church
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Magnolia, TX 77355

Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Deborah Eliza Nelson Dousay*



Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - February 20 at 06:26 PM

BE

Wonderful photos Thank you for sharing this. Though we never met in person we were and will always be Sisters in Christ! Such a warrior! Rest in peace my friend. Prayers for you all. She was an amazing lady.

Becky - February 20 at 08:40 PM



This is the most beautiful video. I was laughing and crying at the same time. Love you Dousays.

Gretchen Nelson-Hurlbut - February 20 at 10:02 PM

BR

“ *It has been 3 months today Mom. I really just miss you.....miss our texts, our phone calls, our sending pictures of our dinner to each other. You were the best mom and I don't think this is going to ever get easier :(*

Brooke - May 12 at 04:56 PM



“ Hi Mom, it has been 2 months. I really really miss you. My Magnolia tree bloomed for the first time this season!! I know you would love it <3

Brooke Mullins - April 12 at 09:34 AM



“ Hi Mom. It has been 1 month today since you went to Heaven. I miss you so much words cannot express. I think about you every day and miss our texts. You would never fail to send me daily bird updates or the weather radar :) I love you. Love, Brooke

Brooke - March 12 at 12:42 PM



“ Gretchen and Marie and Ned Nelson planted a tree in Deb's honor.

Gretchen Nelson-Hurlbut - February 20 at 08:45 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Deborah Eliza Nelson Dousay.

February 20 at 08:41 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah Eliza Nelson Dousay.



February 20 at 08:54 AM

PH

“ I met Deb working at CompUSA, we hung out had a bunch of laughs and continued our journey. She brought a lot of fun to Geocaching and touched my life in many ways. I will always be grateful for knowing her, she was special indeed. Dear friend you are at home with our Saviour, be at Peace and try not to make the Angels laugh too much.

Philip Held - February 19 at 08:28 AM

TF

“ The Doyle Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Deborah Eliza Nelson Dousay.



The Doyle Family - February 19 at 07:57 AM

GA

“ My dear sweet friend, you beat me to see the Father face to face. I am a bit jellious but so happy for you to be celebrating with our Father in Heaven.
I never thought I expressed enough just how much your suppirtive friendship ment to me while you were you were here. Your prayers, love, wisdom and personality kept me striving for God and I will be forever grateful for God putting you into my life. You are my sister by faith but also by love of heart. You have changed my life and I look forward to the day we reunite in Heaven and then the party will really get a bit more wild. LOVE ALWAYS! Glenora Armstrong

Glenora J Armstrong - February 19 at 06:31 AM

ES

“ I enjoyed my time with Deb on her front porch discussing everything from plants in the yard to God. Another favorite topic was how proud she was and how much she loved her grandbabies. 😊🤔

Elizabeth Sawyer - February 18 at 10:58 PM



“ Monicas RM lit a candle in memory of Deborah Eliza Nelson Dousay



Monicas RM - February 18 at 10:56 PM

CD

“ Who says Facebook friends aren't real. You touched many lives in our little group and they all are saddened by your passing. You shared your wit and your humor with us as well as some of your family and we loved it. Rest in peace sweet lady and pull some strings up there so the Aggies can go all the way next season.

Charlie Davin - February 18 at 06:32 PM

LS

“ Love: Greg & Liz Sawyer purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Deborah Eliza Nelson Dousay.



Love: Greg & Liz Sawyer - February 18 at 05:49 PM

LS

“ Love: Greg & Liz Sawyer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deborah Eliza Nelson Dousay.

Love: Greg & Liz Sawyer - February 18 at 05:49 PM

TE

“ I met Deb at CompUSA while I was in high-school. She took me under her wing, made me to feel special, and was so very funny! When I started work there, she would always speak positively over my future! We remained in touch over the years especially through social media. I will never forget her upbeat spirit and will cherish every precious moments we shared. Deb will be sorely missed. May she rest in peace with the Father. My sincerest condolences to the entire family.

Tammy Edwards - February 18 at 05:42 PM

TI

“ TCC Multi-Family Interiors purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Deborah Eliza Nelson Dousay.



TCC Multi-Family Interiors - February 18 at 10:13 AM

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GK

“ *Gayle Kelly lit a candle in memory of Deborah Eliza Nelson Dousay*



Gayle Kelly - February 13 at 01:06 PM

PT

I met Deb over 30 years ago in North View when our girls were young. She always had such a great sense of humor and loved her family. She was also such a funny person to know all those years. I am glad she is not in pain and suffering and is with the Holy Father .Dear. Father I lift up her family to you for comfort and healing.

Patricia De La Torre - February 19 at 09:04 AM