



Debra Jean Hardy

March 27, 1952 - November 14, 2021

Debra Jean Dickey Hardy was born March 27, 1952 to Darrell Dean Dickey and Jimmie Sue Parker Dickey in Huntsville, Texas. Surrounded by her family, Debra went to be with the Lord on Sunday, November 14, 2021. Raised by her loving parents, she spent most of her life in Huntsville, TX, and also lived and attended school in Madisonville, TX for several of her grade school years. She graduated from Huntsville High School in 1970 and followed at Sam Houston State University earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Home Economics in 1975. She married her husband of 47 years, Mark L. Hardy, on September 28, 1974. They lived, built businesses, and raised a loving family all while continuing to reside in Huntsville.

Debra began her career in education teaching Kindergarten for Cleveland Independent School District, loving her students and colleagues. She resigned to raise her own two children with all of her focus. She resumed teaching years later at Mance Park Middle School and last taught at Gibbs Pre-K Center where she retired in 2017. She loved anything that could get her outdoors and had a huge appreciation for trees. She loved growing her own, especially oaks from acorns. She picked up acorns anywhere she traveled, and planted too many to count. She left a legacy, planted by her hands, for her children and grandchildren to watch grow.

Debra devoted her life to the care of her children and grandchildren and did so

with a joyous heart. The highlight of her life was becoming "DeeDee" to her grandchildren. She was blessed with her first and only grandson in 2017, and later with triplet granddaughters in 2020. She spent countless hours teaching, loving, and feeding all her grandkids - DeeDee was always on duty! She had an immense love for all of her family, brothers, cousins, in-laws and all, and was proud of them. Her salvation in Jesus Christ and her family were most important.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Darrell and Sue Dickey of Huntsville; grandparents Clarence and Ruby Parker and Ernest and Edna Dickey of Huntsville; aunt Ernestine Sloan of Huntsville; and her in-laws Marion Lindsey and Dorothy Nance Hardy of Huntsville, sister-in-law Malynn Hardy Reese of Conroe, and brother-in-law Robert Gary Hardy of Huntsville.

She is survived by her husband, Mark Lacey Hardy of Huntsville; son Cole Rankin Hardy and grandson Bodie Lynne Hardy of Franklin; daughter and son-in-law Lacey Lynne and Lance Marshall and granddaughters Leddy Nance Marshall, Kat Musick Marshall, and Davy Pride Marshall of Huntsville; her two brothers and sister-in-laws Steve and Carole Dickey of Centerville and Grant and Barbara Dickey of Huntsville; and numerous other cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Friday, November 19th at 10:00 AM at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. The family will receive visitors from 8:00-10:00 AM prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Arbor Day Foundation so that her love for trees will continue to grow. Memorial condolences to the family may be made at www.shmfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 19. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr
Huntsville

Funeral Service

NOV 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr
Huntsville

Graveside Service

NOV 19. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Mayes Addition of Oakwood
800 Martin Luther King BLVD
77320

Tribute Wall



“ *Debra Jean Hardy*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I am so sorry for the loss of the Dickey and Hardy family. Debra was such a kind and friendly person. I have not seen her in years but she made such a lasting impression on me with her smile and kindness. I know you will miss her dearly.*

Jeana Stuckey - December 05, 2021 at 09:29 PM



“ *We were so saddened to hear of Debra's passing & would like to send our deepest condolences to the Entire family. My brother & I grew up with Grant, Steve & Debra and our families were always dear friends through growing up. Debra will be missed a great deal & I pray that God will wrap the entire family in his loving arms and bring comfort & peace to everyone in he family. If there is anything at all we can do to help you all, please reach out and we will be there for you all with anything that ya'll may need. Maryann Moore, Donna Moore de la Rosa & Johnny Moore*

Donna de la Rosa - November 23, 2021 at 10:56 PM



“ *Steve, sorry to read about Debra. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.you know Sue, Darrell, Edna and Ernest have welcomed her into heaven. I have such good memories of you kiddos . God give you comfort!*

Beverly Niederhofer - November 21, 2021 at 01:56 PM

RK

“ Debra hardy was a very kind and respected lady,when my son Jason Kibby and Cole hardy were young little league players I helped mark with baseball practice the batting practice was in the Hardy's back yard, every kid on teams loved and respected both mark and Debra including myself. She will be truly missed, prayers and much love to her family

Roy Kibby - November 19, 2021 at 10:56 AM

RM

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Mrs.Hardy's passing. She was my daughters teacher at MPMS, and my grandchildren's at Gibbs. She was a wonderful sweet lady, who will be missed dearly.

Rhonda Mauldin - November 18, 2021 at 07:41 PM

NC

“ Prayers for your family at this time. So sorry for your loss.
Derwood and Nancy Collum

Nancy Collum - November 18, 2021 at 02:18 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Debra Jean Hardy.



November 18, 2021 at 12:07 PM

CN

“ I am so sorry for your loss! Debra was such a sweet, kind, loving, caring person. I was blessed to know her when we both taught together at the middle school and whenever we saw each other later we always had such great visits. I send my deepest condolences to all her family. She will be missed. My prayers for comfort and peace are with you all.
With love,
Carol Nichols

Carol Nichols - November 18, 2021 at 11:59 AM

MH

“ M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Debra
Jean Hardy



M. Hyvl - November 18, 2021 at 10:42 AM

BS

“ Debra was my cousin and best friend. We were more like sisters in the family. My brother, Ray, and I are probably the only people alive who knew her from birth to death. I am a witness to the fact she always did the right thing no matter the cost. We begged God to spare her but his decision was to take her. We respect his sovereignty over life and death and must go on with our lives. Even though Debra is in a better place, we are not without her. I will miss MY PRECIOUS COUSIN,
Barbara Ann Sloan
My flower funeral spray tribute to Debra, my precious cousin, is being sent from Heartfield Florist.

Barbara Ann Sloan - November 18, 2021 at 09:55 AM

CH

“ Prayers to the family. I have great memories of Mrs.Hardy. She was such a sweet teacher and always had a smile on her face.
Love,
Courtney Duerer Hilliard

Courtney Hilliard - November 18, 2021 at 09:51 AM

MW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Every time I saw Debra, she always smiled & took the time to visit. I know her precious parents were waiting to see her when she entered Heaven.



Mellicent Wiley - November 18, 2021 at 09:17 AM

PC

“ Phyllis Colley Campbell lit a candle in memory of Debra Jean Hardy



Phyllis Colley Campbell - November 18, 2021 at 09:09 AM

RP

“ I was always amazed how great a “Listener” Debra was! She was so engaged to what you had to say. That’s a rare gift and I will always be grateful for her kindness and friendship to me.

Rick Prater - November 17, 2021 at 09:23 PM

SS

“ *Shana SCross lit a candle in memory of Debra Jean Hardy*



Shana SCross - November 17, 2021 at 06:54 PM

DH

“ *Dianna And Steve Holbrook lit a candle in memory of Debra Jean Hardy*



Dianna and Steve Holbrook - November 17, 2021 at 04:23 PM

GG

“ *Gene And Sheila Gaskins lit a candle in memory of Debra Jean Hardy*



Gene and Sheila Gaskins - November 17, 2021 at 03:45 PM

VP

“ I visited with Debra on the street several weeks ago. Had not seen her in years. She was so chipper. So enjoyed our visit. Working with her at the middle school was a pleasure.

I am so sorry for her passing. She was such a sweet lady who loved her family.

*With sympathy,
Wayne and Vicki Prentice*

Vicki Prentice - November 17, 2021 at 03:32 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Debra Jean Hardy.



November 17, 2021 at 02:47 PM

DP

“ I am so sad. Please know that your family is in my prayers. Debra and I were good friends for many years. She was a wonderful person and I am so sorry for your loss. Donna Robinson Paschall Class '74



Donna Paschall - November 17, 2021 at 02:38 PM

LS

“ *LSPI purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Debra Jean Hardy.*



LSPI - November 17, 2021 at 01:40 PM

TJ

“ *Tammy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Debra Jean Hardy*



Tammy Johnson - November 17, 2021 at 11:51 AM

TF

“ *The Haralson Family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Debra Jean Hardy.*



The Haralson Family - November 17, 2021 at 11:36 AM

RF

“ *Richard & Mary Ann Faulkner lit a candle in memory of Debra Jean Hardy*



Richard & Mary Ann Faulkner - November 17, 2021 at 11:14 AM

EA

“ *Edd & Terry Artherholt sent a virtual gift in memory of Debra Jean Hardy*



Edd & Terry Artherholt - November 17, 2021 at 11:08 AM