



Debra Donnell "Debby" Pence

October 18, 1953 - April 10, 2020

Debra Donnell "Debby" Pence, age 66, passed away, April 10, 2020 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She was born to Donald Clinton and Bonnie Mae (Paulk) Artherholt on October 18, 1953.

Debby loved to dance and one of the highlights of her teenage years was dancing on "The Scene" at Channel 4 Studio hosted by WKY disc jockey Ronnie Kaye.

Debby attended Northwest Classen High School in Oklahoma City. She always loved fashion so while attending school she took a position in the health and beauty department at American Mutual Company (AMC). Out of High School, she attended Paul's Beauty College and worked briefly as a licensed cosmetologist. Shortly after graduating cosmetology school she gave birth to her daughter, Krista.

She loved to entertain and held many parties for family and friends. This led her to the hospitality services where she worked several years and met many celebrities in the music industry. Debby took Diana to her first concert "Eagles", Grandma Paulk to meet Box Car Willie, Uncle Glenn and Aunt Nancy to see George Jones; to name a few. Debby helped her brother, Danny start his career in the oil industry, where he still works today. In 1986, while living in Albert Lea, MN, Debby opened up a halfway-house for women who have been through chemical dependency treatment. She relocated to Oklahoma City in 1990 where she lived with soulmate, Eddie Esmaeili, until her passing; Debby was truly Eddie's Angel.

Debby lived life to the fullest and enjoyed every moment. She always had a bright smile and was the most selfless, loving, trustworthy person and a peace keeper. She loved to read the Bible and she believed in seeding the love between others.

During the later part of her life she enjoyed watching Big Valley and the Virginian. She loved to drink Dr. Pepper and her favorite meal was an old-time family favorite, milk toast. Debby loved to spend time with her family, especially her daughter, grandchildren, and great-grandson.

Debby is preceded in death by her parents, Donald Clinton Artherholt and Bonnie (Paulk) Artherholt Higby.

She is survived by her husband, Abbas "Eddie" Esmaeili; daughter, Krista Diane Artherholt and fiancé Donald Anneler; three step sons, Sharam "Sammy" Esmaeili and wife Angie,

Cyrus Esmaeili and wife Sheila, and Alexander Esmaeili; four grandchildren, Landon, Kamdon, Brooklynn, and Kristalyn Artherholt; two step-grandchildren, Sophia and Lila Esmaeili; great-grandson, Braxtyn Artherholt; sister, Diana Hardwick and husband Donnie; brother, Danny Artherholt and wife Marcia; step mother, Marty Artherholt; three step brothers, Steve, Richard, and Roger Saylor; two nieces, Dusty Bannister and husband Jerry and Laura Wells and husband Travis; three nephews, Danny Artherholt Jr. and wife Amanda, Dennis Artherholt and wife Diana, and Kevin Artherholt; step-nephew, Royce Mullin; step-niece, Diane Mullin; and many great nieces and nephews.

A private graveside service will be held to honor the life of Debby at Red Rock Cemetery in Calumet, Oklahoma. Viewing will be held at Wilson Funeral Home on Thursday, April 16, 2020 from 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm.

Events

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