



## Deborah Jean "Debbie" Willis

April 14, 1954 - September 22, 2022

Deborah Jean "Debbie" Willis was born April 14, 1954, in Atchison, Kansas, to Paul Allen Shannon and Dorothy Jean Jackson Shannon. She died Thursday, September 22, 2022, in Sand Springs, Oklahoma, at the age of 68 years.

Debbie was reared and educated in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and graduated with the Central High School Class of 1972. She was married August 17, 1992, in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, to Richard Willis. She spent most of her working life as a respiratory therapist with Hillcrest Medical Center and later with Tulsa Regional Medical Center in Tulsa. Debbie was very active in supporting the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. She enjoyed a variety of pastimes including working in her garden with her plants and flowers, as well as spending time birdwatching. She also enjoyed spending time on the beach and was an avid reader. Her grandkids were of great joy to her and she especially enjoyed her role as "Oklahoma Grandma". Those she leaves behind who hold many cherished memories include:

Husband; Richard, of the home

Daughters; Kelli Holmes and husband Joel, of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

Kristi Scott and husband Matthew, of Vancleave, Mississippi

Nikki Willis, of Portland, Oregon

Grandchildren; Peyton Scott and Scarlett Scott

Sister; Sandy McCarty and husband David, of Sand Springs, Oklahoma

Brother; Rick Shannon and wife Sharon, of Sand Springs, Oklahoma

Mother; Dorothy Shannon, of Sapulpa, Oklahoma

She was preceded in death by her father, Paul Shannon, brother, Pat Shannon, and brother, Randy Shannon.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, September 25, 2022, at Mowery Funeral Service in Owasso. Funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m. Monday, September 26, 2022, at First Baptist Church in Owasso with Pastor Chris Wall officiating. Serving as casket bearers will be Matt Scott, Matt Shannon, Derek Shannon, Jake Adams, Joel Holmes, and Toney Ramsey. Honorary casket bearers will be Keith Barnes and Jeremy Matthews. Committal service and interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Owasso. The family requests memorial contributions be made in Debbie's memory to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 2488 East 81st Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74137, or at [www.komen.org](http://www.komen.org). Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso.  
[www.moweryfs.com](http://www.moweryfs.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **25.** 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Mowery Funeral Service  
9110 North Garnett Road  
Owasso, OK 74055

## Memorial Fund

SEP **26.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation  
2488 East 81st Street  
Suite 124  
Tulsa, OK 74137  
<http://www.komen.org>

# Tribute Wall

CP

“ To you Whip, Nikki, Kelli, and Kristi. I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to you. I pray God will give you strength and peace in your hearts. Family was very important to her and she loved you ALL so very much. She also was proud of her grandbabies and loved them with all her heart. She wanted most for you all to stay close and watch after each other and love each other. Her last few years were such a struggle for her and she endured the pain each and every day. Now her struggles are over and she is in the hands of our sweet Lord. She had strong Christian faith. I was blessed to have her in my life for so many years. We spent so many hours on the phone. When she was depressed she would call me and we would talk until we were both laughing. I loved her and I will miss her. Rest In Peace my Dear Friend! 💔🙏❤️  
BOOMER SOONER

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**Carol Paulson** - September 26, 2022 at 12:36 AM

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“ Carol Paulson lit a candle in memory of Deborah Jean "Debbie" Willis



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**Carol Paulson** - September 26, 2022 at 12:04 AM

TB

“ *The Burke's purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Deborah Jean "Debbie" Willis.*



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**The Burke's** - September 24, 2022 at 09:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deborah Jean "Debbie" Willis.*



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September 23, 2022 at 11:00 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Deborah Jean "Debbie" Willis.*



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September 23, 2022 at 11:27 AM