



Debra Arredondo

December 23, 1951 - September 8, 2012

A Memorial service for Debra Johnson Arredondo, 60, of Flint, will be held on Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 11:00 AM at Grace Community Church with Rev. Doug Clark officiating, under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mrs. Arredondo passed away Saturday, September 8, 2012 in Tyler. She was born December 23, 1951 in Fort Hood to Martin D. and Avalon Perkins Johnson. Debra was a member of Grace Community Church. She graduated from Robert E. Lee High School, attended Tyler Junior College and Western Oklahoma State University. She moved to San Antonio to live and work for a time, where she had a successful career in radio and TV sales. She also owned an Antique Mall in Seguin and created the Texas Firey Food Show. She returned to Tyler in 2007. In late 2011, she started her advertising agency, DJA Connections. Debra was very active in the Heart of Tyler, headed up public relations for the Black Tie Bingo Gala and Festival on the Square annual fund raisers. She was also a member of Historic Tyler. Mrs. Arredondo was preceded in death by her father. She is survived by her loving family including her husband, Price Arredondo of Flint; mother, Avalon Perkins Johnson; brothers, Michael Johnson and wife Lana of Flint, Keith Johnson and his wife Vicki and Gary Johnson and wife Carolyn, both of Tyler and numerous nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Heart of Tyler, 110 W. Erwin, Tyler, Texas 75702

Tribute Wall

AP

“ *Debbie was one of the very first people to contact me when I left my last job in May. She was one of my biggest cheerleaders all summer and was vocal about seeing something in me that I never saw in myself. She exuded creativity, energy and enthusiasm. Our group, which promoted community and each other in a POSITIVE way, is a very precious thing she started. I was honored to be part.*

Amy Brocato Pearson - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ I recently renewed our friendship with Debbie while attending my Robert E. Lee 40th Reunion a few years ago. Debbie and I shared a meal, caught up on things and laughed at some old memories.

Debbie called me when she decided to leave radio and start her own agency. I was in radio and TV for years and now run my own agency in Waco, so it was natural that we would "talk shop".

I was so impressed with Debbie and so proud of her in making her decision.

We shared calls and Emails about her venture and I knew she had what it took to be successful.

To the family, I will always deeply treasure my memories of Debbie from school. I was a Senior and she was a Sophomore and we had many mutual friendships.

I dated a few of her friends and we would "share dating secrets" about the "big nights". She would tell me things about what her friends were really thinking and "enlighten me" about how "it really was"! Typical high school relationships.

Meeting her again after 40 years was my privilege. It certainly has the ring of destiny in a way. I am proud to say she was my friend.

My deepest sympathies for your loss and I hope that you will find peace in the Lord. May God bless you and keep you.

With love and kindness,

Bob Lauck

Bob Lauck - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ When we opened our business in 2010 Debbie was our biggest cheerleader. She went above and beyond to make sure we had the perfect advertising package to reach our target market. She put us in touch with other business that were a good fit for us to cross promote. Debbie lived for helping us all with the success of our business! Thank you Debbie! Tyler has lost a great asset!

Debbie Westlake-Allen - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ I had the distinct pleasure of meeting Debbie not too long ago. She is the true definition of a loving, classy, professional and most of all GENUINE lady. We immediately bonded the very first time we met a lunch. I only wish I had known her longer. Rest in peace my dear friend.

blake hall - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Rest in Peace "girlfriend"

Stanley Waghalter - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Price:

I was greatly saddened to learn about Debbie over the weekend. She clearly had an impact on others that was well beyond what I realized. Please accept my sincere condolences, and let me know if there is anything I can do to help.

John

John M. Sims - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *My heart just dropped after a friend called me to ask if I had heard. I have so many wonderful memories of Deb. We worked together at The Brannon Corporation starting in 1983 and were running buddies everywhere we traveled.*

I am 6 months older than Deb. She took me under her wing everywhere we went. I was raising two young children alone. I could not afford much. Deb gave me her hand-me-down clothes which were perfect and I so appreciated them. Deb arranged Christmas for my children as well as birthday parties. They loved her. I did too. She is a special part of my life and would not trade of moment of knowing her.

I saw her recently at the post office and, in her happy smiling way, she greeted me as if we had not missed a day.

She taught me many things years ago, mostly how to lighten up and laugh...

Dear Lord please hold Deb gently in Your hands...

Debbie Spears - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *The call seemed so unbelievable, my heart is broken in two. If only I could turn back time, so much I would try for you.*

I couldn't see the warning signs that you kept held within. You seemed so strong and determined, I did not see them my friend.

I feel guilt mixed with sorrow. I am confused as to why, WHY didn't you reach out to me, you didn't have to die!

You are a precious soul my friend and I pray that God above, will reach out to your troubled heart and let you feel his love.

You have gone to another time, This I understand. I will hold on to the memory, your smile, I pray my broken heart will mend.

Jimmy Arber - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *It was such a pleasure knowing Debbie, she was such an asset to the Heart of Tyler and a great friend to all that knew her. I will surely miss Debbie. I wish I had had an opportunity to know even better. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God Bless you all.*

Patrice & Jerry Stine - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *At this time of sorrow,
may these truths sustain you...
Your loved one will always
be as close as a memory,
and the God of all comfort
will always be as
close as a prayer.*

Juan & Corinna Ruiz - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Deb was a blast, a fun friend to have, very talented and outgoing, and full of energy. When she looks down from heaven now, she'll know how liked, loved and how much she'll be missed. God Bless you honey!*

Marcy Branson - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ *Price-
You, your family and Debbie's family are in our thoughts and prayer.*

*Sincerely,
Rosemary and Chip Jones*

Rosemary Jones - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *Our thoughts prays are with you*

Barbara & Jerald Wolf - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ Dear Sis, what words can I say ? We have always been able to talk, even through the tough times. I wish you would have talked to me and tell me what was troubling you, as I always have been able to do with you. I Love you very much! and always will. I will always regret the day,just a few weeks ago ,when you wanted to go have lunch,and I wasn't able to,because I had some other business to take care of. Oh ! How I wish I could go back ,and just drop what I was doing to spend some more time with you and talk ,maybe it would have made some difference ? My big Sis ,I will always remember you laughter and WOW ! Sometimes you temper !! But you were the best and I could always trust you giving me the straight truth even when I didn't want to here it. Thanks for being a friend to me and my kids we will always remember your Lovely smile and all you have done for us. May the Lord welcome you with open arms and I know your with Dad and Harley. I will see you again someday ! Love always, your little Bro !

Gary Johnson - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ mi amigo, Price y familia Johnson-Arredondo, PEACE be with you.
please accept my prayers and sincerest sympathies on this most trying times as Debbie is gone from our presence.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zCdZwitrNoY>

el nombre del +Padre y del +Hijo y del +Espiritu Santo. Amen.

ed santos - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ My darling one of a kind Deb, I love you so much. I know you probably are not reading this from heaven,so instead of posting my feelings here, I will continue to have our little talks together. You made my life so much more full, special and fun and I thank you for that. You taught me so much(whether I wanted to learn or not)and you made me really experience life - not just exist here. I know how happy you were in life even though you had some difficult times along the way. Girl, I wouldn't trade one moment that I had with you - not one. My heart will never be whole again. Rest in peace my beautiful sister. Give Harley a hug and a kiss for me.

Mary Barr - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM