



Debbie Payne

August 6, 1956 - August 17, 2025

Debra LuAnn Payne, maiden name of Standefer, 69, of Lubbock, Texas passed away on August 17, 2025.

Debbie was born on August 6, 1956 in Plainview, TX to Frank and Toody Standefer.

Debbie graduated from New Deal High school in 1974 and became a Licensed Vocational Nurse where she cared for patients in various settings. She raised two daughters, Emily Edwards and Holly Pierce, both of Lubbock. She married Gary Payne, of Lubbock, in 1998 and semi-retired to Robert Lee, where she cared for her parents in their later years. During her time in Robert Lee, Debbie became a master gardener, and opened a small greenhouse for a few years where she and Gary raised and sold garden plants, flowers and produce to the local community. Debbie loved to watch Food Network or Diners, Drive-ins and Dives try new recipes. She always had something new and delicious ready to cook for family visits, and they were always wonderful! The family enjoyed many weekends together in Robert Lee, where the son-in-laws would hunt deer, while the families hung out and celebrated the holidays. The grandchildren loved to visit Nana and Papa's house in the summers where they would go visit the local swimming pool or down to the lake to catch minnows, as Callie recalls. Kelsea remembers Nana taking her all over the world with her stories. "Do you see it?" she would say, and Keslea remembers

being in those places! Carson remembers Nana's lamb-chops, risotto, blueberry muffins and tons of other good dishes. Nana would arrange cooking competitions between the kids and she and Gary would judge the winners. Kaitlyn and Kelsea both remember relaxing backrubs from Nana or her rocking and singing them to sleep in the evenings. Holly recalls a special girl's trip with Debbie, Emily, Callie & Kelsea where they visited Texas A&M and put their hands inside of a cow, got facials and had other fun girly adventures. Emily cherishes the special time they spent together in Debbie's last few years as dementia began to take more of her independence.

Debbie is survived by spouse Gary Payne; daughter Emily Edwards and husband Chancy; daughter Holly Pierce and son-in-law Henry; son Chase Payne and wife Ericka; nine beloved grandchildren Kaitlyn Pierce, Carson Edwards and wife Naomi, Nathaniel Payne and wife Allie, Brayden Payne, Kelsea Pierce, Callie Edwards, Reagan Payne, Kamryn Pierce, and Molly Payne; sister Kay Hurst; sister Janie Miller and husband Mark; brother Pat Standefer and wife Nan as well as numerous nieces, nephews and their children for whom Debbie was a special, joyful aunt.

Debbie was preceded in death by her father Frank Standefer, mother Iris (Toody) Standefer, and sister Pam Littlefield.

Debbie will be remembered for her smile and her laugh. She was a fun-loving, joyful, happy person who loved her family deeply and brought joy to everyone she knew! Debbie was a woman of Christian faith, and believed that there is a God of the universe, who created mankind in His image. She believed that Jesus is the Son of God, born of a virgin, lived a perfect, sinless life, and sacrificed it voluntarily, as a payment for the sins of those who follow him. Debbie believed that Jesus rose from the grave, defeating death, and now sits at the right hand of God the creator of the universe. Debbie had no doubt that Jesus was her Lord and Savior, and that she will spend eternity with Him.

Debbie would want anyone reading this to know that Jesus' free gift of salvation is available to them, if they call on the name of Jesus, and repent from their sins and walk in relationship with Him.

The family will have a memorial service at Sanders Funeral Home on Saturday, August 23, 2025, at 10:30 AM with Indiana Avenue Baptist Church Senior Pastor, Steve McMeans, officiating.

Cemetery Details

Miller Crematory

202 Avenue Q
Lubbock, TX 79415

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **23**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Sanders Memorial Chapel
1420 Main Street
Lubbock, TX 79401

Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Debbie Payne



Sanders Funeral Home - August 23, 2025 at 09:12 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Debbie Payne.



August 21, 2025 at 11:01 PM



“ Rody Peterson purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Debbie Payne.



Rody Peterson - August 21, 2025 at 08:39 PM

EC

“ *Debbie and Gary were part of our family and we enjoyed many good times with them. Debbie loved everyone and we certainly had fun , even during the time she was struggling with health issues. We will miss her, but we know that she is with Jesus and we will see her again. We pray for the peace of Christ to be with us all.*

Ed & Debbie Cosgrove - August 21, 2025 at 12:09 PM

SM

“ *Debbie and I served in the youth department at our church. We had such fun working with those kids as we saw them grow in Christ. They loved Miss Debbie so much as did I. We were in the same Bible study for many years and then served many years at our church camp. So many wonderful years and memories flood my mind. I'll see her in Heaven one day.*

Sharon Miller - August 19, 2025 at 05:50 PM