



Deborah Roddy

August 31, 1953 - September 12, 2016

Deborah Roddy was called home from this life on Sept. 12, 2016. She was born in Seymour, TX to Lee and Gay Roddy. She graduated Coronado High School and studied theater at Texas Tech. She worked at the Lubbock State School, then attended West Texas State in Canyon. She married Tom Nystel in 1977, and they returned to Lubbock, where they had two daughters: Rikka and Marta. She devoted several years to raising her children and worked for Lubbock MHMR for 10 years, before receiving the call to Christian ministry. She received a Bachelor of Science degree from Wayland University in 2003. She worked with Kairos Prison Ministry and Kairos Outside, as well as Llano Estacado Emmaus and Chrysalis communities. Most recently, she was the chaplain at HOPE Community of Shalom in Lubbock, counseling and praying for the people there that she called her folks.

Debby was a caring person with a heart as big as the world, who tried to help everyone around her. She had a listening ear for anyone that needed her and was always helping people in crisis. She was known for her outgoing personality and sense of humor, and people have said that she brightened a room just by being there. She touched a lot of lives, whether as a friend, counselor, or pastor. She is missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her husband, Tom Nystel; her daughters Rikka and Marta; her mother Gay McAfee; her brothers Mark and Casey; her niece Michelle, three grandchildren: Lauren, Dharma, and Josiah, and other family too numerous to list. She was preceded in death by her father, her stepfather

Robert McAfee, and two brothers: Shon and Patric. A celebration of her life will be held at HOPE Community of Shalom, 2005 Ave. T, Lubbock, TX. on Monday, Sept. 19 at 7 pm. The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to HOPE.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **19**. 7:00 PM (CT)

HOPE Community of Shalom
2005 Avenue T
Lubbock, TX 79411