

## Dena Hobbs Graves

September 28, 1959 - January 12, 2026

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Dena Hobbs Graves, who departed this life on January 12, 2026, at the age of 66. Born on September 28, 1959, in Duncan, Oklahoma, Dena brought joy and creativity to those fortunate enough to know her. She spent her days as an administrative associate, where her spunky spirit and hard-headed determination shone brightly.

Dena is survived by her loving daughters, Melissa Parrish and husband Red, and Allison Griffith, who consider her their guiding light. She also had an older brother, Glen Hobbs and wife Tena. Also, many aunts, uncles, cousins, a niece, and nephews. She does also leave behind her two precious and spoiled companions that were her world besides Melissa and Allison which is Bella and Daisy Mae!

Dena did work for Texas A&M as an Administrative Associate for 30 years. Which she retired from in September of 2024. Also, after Moose and TC's passing, she volunteered her time with MADD as well.

Dena was known to her family and friends for her vivacious personality, her artistic flair, and her talent for crochet, which she often shared with loved

ones. Those who lived near her affectionately joked that she was the "Karen" of the block, a title reflecting her spirited nature and her penchant for keeping things lively.

Dena was preceded in death by her father, Harold Hobbs, her mother, Clarissa Morford, her baby brother Kevin Hobbs and son and daughter in law, Dwight "Moose" and TC Griffith.

In her leisure, Dena delighted in playing games on her phone, finding relaxation and enjoyment in simple pleasures. Her loving heart and vibrant personality will be cherished in the memories of all who crossed her path.

A visitation will take place at Sanders Funeral Home on Friday, January 23, 2026, at 6:00 PM, providing a time for family and close friends to gather and pay their final respects. The Funeral Service will follow on Saturday, January 24, 2026, at 10:00 AM at Sanders Memorial Chapel, where we will celebrate Dena's life and the love she shared with all of us. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

As we reflect on her life, may we carry her spirit of creativity and love with us, honoring her memory by cherishing the moments we share with our loved ones.

# Cemetery Details

## Resthaven Memorial Park

5740 West 19th Street  
Lubbock, TX 79416

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **23**. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Sanders Funeral Home  
1420 Main Street  
Lubbock, TX 79401  
(806) 763-6433  
director@sandersfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.sandersfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

JAN **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sanders Memorial Chapel  
1420 Main Street  
Lubbock, TX 79401

# Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Dena Hobbs Graves



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**Sanders Funeral Home** - January 24 at 08:41 AM

NC

*Can't see anything yet? 10:01am*

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**Natalie Cisneros** - January 24 at 11:00 AM



*What a beautiful service for a beautiful person. Many prayers for you girls and family.*

*Robyn - Texas A&M AgriLife Research*

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**Robyn Brown** - January 24 at 11:31 AM

BP

*Thank you for sharing Dena's service. Many blessings to your family, may she rest in peace. ❤️*

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**Barbara Prinsell** - January 25 at 05:49 PM

PN

“ We are sorry we could not attend the service, for our Dena doll. I miss our daily talks, and the wonderful love and memories we shared for so many years. She was truly a wonderful friend, with a heart of gold. God gave us one of the greatest gifts anyone could ever have with her in our life. Our love and support go to both of her daughter s, we are truly sorry for your loss. Pat and Larry Newton

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**Pat and Larry Newton** - January 24 at 12:20 PM

MB

“ To Dena’s Family:  
I served as one of the County Extension Agents in Lubbock County through July, 2017. Dena helped me with many educational programs for producers at the AgriLife Research & Extension Center. I always appreciated her help, and considered her as a real friend. I regret that the winter storm deterred many of us from attending her service in person. Thank you for live-streaming the service, and please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers. - Mark Brown

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**Mark Brown** - January 24 at 12:06 PM

JW

“ I met and worked with Dena when I was an IPM Agent at Dimmitt, and when I worked for Calvin at the research center. Dena kept us in line, made sure we had everything done, and turned in on time. She was a sweet spirit with spunk when needed. I loved attending her retirement party a lil over a yr ago, and later attending the Mercy Me and Toby Mack concerts together. I know she loves our Lord and Savior, and is now praising and worshiping Him in His presence. I will see you again someday, my dear friend. I love you and will miss you until we see each other again!

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**Johnna L Wier** - January 24 at 12:01 PM

MS

“ Dena was an extended mother, friend, and co worker to me. I could always count on a heart felt hug from her when I went by her office. I will cherish our friendship. Sending love to the girls.  
Monica Sheehan

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**Monica Sheehan** - January 24 at 12:00 PM

CT

“ Allison, Melissa, and family,  
I regret I am unable to be there now for the tribute to Dena due to the storm.  
I began for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension in Lubbock in 1999. Dena was on staff in the office and my immediate helper to budget, communications, purchasing, etc. for over 25 years. Thank you, Dena! I last visited with Dena on Dec. 15th at the station Christmas dinner. She commented then she was so happy to not have the stress from work anymore. Then I received a nice card from her about a week after Christmas.  
Many of us know Dena dealt with the worst of tragedies in her dear life. Through it all she was faithful to God in spite of the circumstances. She was my friend, and I will miss Dena.  
Peace and blessings to the family,  
Sincerely, Calvin Trostle, Lubbock

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**Calvin Trostle** - January 24 at 11:10 AM

DH

“ We are remembering Dena with love and fond memories and wishing you comfort during this difficult time. Our family is keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. She was truly one of a kind. Holding you close in our hearts.



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**Daniel and Alyssa Hillin** - January 22 at 12:29 PM

DH

“ Daniel and Alyssa Hillin purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Dena Hobbs Graves.



Daniel and Alyssa Hillin - January 22 at 12:18 PM

GW

“ This passing is a true shock! Dena was a very sweet lady and she always proudly talked about her son Moose. I'm sure she is rejoicing with him now. She loved her furbabies to no end. She helped me get started on a small business and even gave me some of her stuff as she didn't sell it anymore. She was very gracious and I am sure going to miss her! Sending prayers to her family! This truly breaks my heart. But may she be in peace with her son. 💜🙏💜



Gina Shubin Willess - January 17 at 08:54 AM

NC

Dena was such a wonderful person. She always gave me a hug every where I saw her. She always told me everything about her kids - just an open honest book. I'm sad I didn't go eat her left overs after Christmas- cuz I bet she was a great cook!! I'm happy she is with Jesus and her son in Paradise now. ❤️🙏👁️🕊️

Natalie Cisneros - January 24 at 10:09 AM

LS

“ I am so surprised that she has passed. I remember Dena when we both lived in Duncan. I even babysitter for her daughter

Linda Slout - January 16 at 10:36 AM

WH

“ Waurika City Hall purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Dena Hobbs Graves.



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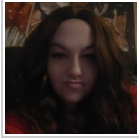
**Waurika City Hall** - January 16 at 08:47 AM

WH

“ Waurika City Hall planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dena Hobbs Graves.

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**Waurika City Hall** - January 16 at 08:47 AM



“ She was such a sweet kind woman, she will be sadly missed by all. My prayers Go to her whole family, may God give them the strength to get through this.

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**Jenn Phillips** - January 15 at 05:51 PM