



Denise Lucille Patterson

August 16, 1954 - March 26, 2026

Denise Lucille Kelley Patterson was born on August 16, 1954 in Lubbock, TX to Swaim and Orgie Lee Kelley. She passed away on March 26, 2026. She was the youngest of 5 siblings. She was born into a large extended family, and since she was much younger than the other children, she became the "darling of the family". Denise's dad passed away when she was 10, and Carl "Pa" Smith became the father of her heart for the rest of her life.

Denise was a lifelong Lubbock resident. She graduated from Coronado High School in May 1972. She married her soul mate, Jerry Lee Patterson, on September 30, 1972 and they were blessed with 53 years of marriage. They had three children: Lee, Jay, and Mandy.

Denise quickly became part of Jerry's large family as well, and she loved spending time with her numerous relatives. She enjoyed watching all family sporting events, especially softball. As a young woman, Denise enjoyed rollerskating, bowling, and horseshoe tournaments. She used her artistic talents to make costumes and create many school projects throughout the years.

After Denise furthered her education at American Commercial College, she dedicated many years to the workforce. In 2021, she retired after 20 years with W&W Steel. Denise was an active part of the Roosevelt community since

1977.

Denise is survived by her beloved husband Jerry, her sons Lee (Brenda) and Jay (Reginna) Patterson, stepson David Bowton (Trisha), eleven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and many other cherished family members and friends who will hold her memory close to their hearts. Denise was preceded in death by her precious daughter Mandy in October 2024.

A memorial service will be held at Sanders Funeral Home on Tuesday, 3/31/2026 at 2:00 pm.

Cemetery Details

Miller Crematory

202 Avenue Q
Lubbock, TX 79415

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 31. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Sanders Memorial Chapel
1420 Main Street
Lubbock, TX 79401

Tribute Wall



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