



Denice Elizabeth Doss

October 26, 1954 - September 1, 2020

Denice Elizabeth Doss, 65, of Rockdale, Texas, went to be with the Lord on September 1, 2020. Denice was born to Mary and Richard Hertless in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, on October 26, 1954. Growing up in an Air Force family she lived in many places but found a home she loved in Rockdale. She was married to James Doss Jr., the love of her life, on April 28, 1973.

Denice graduated from Reagan High School in Austin in 1972. She went on to graduate from Texas A&M and received a B.S. in Education.

Her unique capacity for leadership and selfless love of others in her community was the basis for her numerous service roles. She tirelessly served the community as director of the Senior Citizens Center, director of the MARC Center for special needs citizens, director of Community Education, and president of the Rockdale Chamber of Commerce. Her dedication to the community was evident as she promoted Community Education projects; organized the Tejas Festival; played an integral role in developing the local El Camino Real; served as president of Rotary Club; chaired the Rotary Scholarship Selection Committee and the RYLA leadership camp student committee. Denise also served on the Tourism Board and the Milam County Historic Commission board of directors along with many other distinguished roles and volunteer projects within the community. She ended her career serving as the After School Education Coordinator for Rockdale ISD.

She was a member of Meadowbrook Baptist Church for almost 50 years. She loved the Lord and her brothers and sisters in Christ and served Meadowbrook as choir director, personnel chairman, hospitality chairman, member of the budget committee, member of the praise team, and often performed as a soloist.

In her lifetime, Denice served the Lord by serving others. Never dwelling on the negative, she always had a smile on her face. She was known for her innovative leadership, fairness to all, and her joyfulness with an innate ability to do what is right in the Christian ethic. She loved her family fiercely and was loved in return by all who knew her.

She is survived by her husband, James Doss Jr. of Rockdale; children Scott and Gena Doss of Kyle, Derek and Jade Doss of Georgetown, Ashli Doss-Davenport of Aledo; grandchildren Rhett Doss of San Marcos, Reef Doss of Kyle, Joseph Cabrero of Georgetown, Brooks Davenport of Aledo, Barrett Davenport of Aledo, Briggs Davenport of Aledo, Gemma Doss of Georgetown; mother Mary Hertless of Granger, siblings Elaine Beatty of Temple, Rick Hertless of Granger, David Hertless of Austin. She was preceded in death by her father Richard Hertless and granddaughter, Roxli Doss.

A memorial will be held at 10:00 am, September 4 at Meadowbrook Baptist Church in Rockdale.

The family has asked that memorials be made to Meadowbrook Baptist Church, or to the Austin/Round Rock chapter of The Cure Starts Now. (<https://thecurestartsnow.org/get-involved/chapters/texas-austinround-rock/donate/>). Flowers are also appropriate.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

Meadowbrook Baptist Church
1401 Colorado Ave
Rockdale, TX
<http://www.meadowbrookrockdale.org>

Tribute Wall

JN

“ *Dr. Newman's clinic will always miss her. So thankful to have gotten to know the Joy of the Lord through her, since she always expressed it to us. We know her Joy is now complete. On a lighter note, we don't know what we will do now without the sopapilla cheesecake.*

Joseph Newman - April 20, 2021 at 01:43 PM

TE

“ *My deepest healing and condolences to Scott, and his family. Enjoying the memories I shared with his mother ; watching our son's playing sports together. From Tandy Lightsey Ellender and family*

Tandy Lightsey Ellender - September 05, 2020 at 12:06 AM

CC

“ *Denise Doss was one of a kind. She had a caring heart, she was kind and understanding. Mrs. Doss was my best friend in the whole world. She introduced me to so many new friends, supported me when I got bullied in school and she was there every time you needed someone to talk to. If you needed her, she was there no matter what. Mrs. Doss you will be terribly missed but never forgotten. You left behind a legacy that will never be forgotten. I will always remember you.*



Cora Cruz - September 04, 2020 at 01:24 PM

CB

“ *Carol Beard lit a candle in memory of Denise Elizabeth Doss*

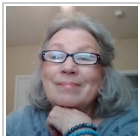


Carol Beard - September 04, 2020 at 12:01 PM

SE

“ *Mrs. Doss was a really amazing woman. Freshman year I was the new kid. Didn't know anyone, didn't have family and was going through a big phase in my life. I would stay at ITigers after school just for something to do and she introduced me to so many people including my first boyfriend. She got me my first prom dress. Made friends I still have. I blossomed due to her. Thank you Mrs. Doss for everything you did for me and for others. Some people make the world a better place and she sure did.*

Savana Everett - September 04, 2020 at 10:46 AM



“ *I first met Denise at church. I was new: she was warm and welcoming. I came to know her as one of the loveliest of women. She was a gentle soul with a courageous heart and compassionate spirit. She was a huge presence in her church, her community, and in the hearts of those who knew her. She will be missed...and long remembered.*

Sandy Grindle - September 04, 2020 at 09:03 AM

LB

“ We are birthday twins. I love her so very much. Even now I see her smile. There was no one that met her that did not have the sense she knew you all your life and that surely you were her favorite I was one of those. The world shifted the day you entered heaven. I carry a part of you in me. Until we meet again, thank my sweet friend for carrying with you everywhere the light of Christ. You set the example, I pray to walk inI love you.

Linda A Bridgeforth - September 04, 2020 at 01:38 AM

PM

“ Sorry for your loss. Denise was an amazing person. She always had a smile on her face . she would help anyone. She will truly be miss. I love you Denise.



PEGGY MORRISON - September 04, 2020 at 12:33 AM

MP

“ Denise was an extremely good neighbor. Our sons spent many happy hours playing and roaming the fields and woods together. Such good times we . Good memories. I guess God needed a ready volunteer in heaven. Minnie Pesl

minnie pesl - September 03, 2020 at 10:44 PM

SW

“ I met Denice in 1974 at our Wednesday Dr visits, she was pregnant with Scott and I was pregnant with Trista. She was knitting a blanket for him. We had many blessed visits. What am inspiration. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. Sheila and Charles Wadlington



Sheila and Charles Wadlington - September 03, 2020 at 10:33 PM



“ Steve & Kathy bright of Burnet tx so sorry to hear about Denice we knew here forever !!she was a blessing!!prays for the family!!we will see her in heaven one day!!God bless!

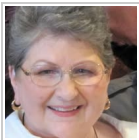


Kathy Bright - September 03, 2020 at 07:59 PM

JO

“ Denice was a beautiful lady inside and out.It was a privilege to have known her.

JoAnn - September 03, 2020 at 06:25 PM



“ Please accept my sincere condolences. Denice was an amazing woman who was a wonderful gift to her family, friends, and Rockdale at large.
Lois Braun Noak
3627 Noak Rd
Round Top, TX 67854

Lois Noak - September 03, 2020 at 02:58 PM

RS

“ *My condolences to the family!!!! Rest in peace!!!!!!You will be missed by many!!!! Much love!!!! Richard Sproull*



Richard Sproull - September 03, 2020 at 02:38 PM

RC

“ *I remember her as a very sweet, kind person who loved the Lord with all her heart. She will be missed. She was a dear friend. Ray and Lucy Coward*

ray / lucy coward - September 03, 2020 at 01:42 PM

MN

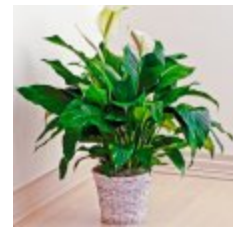
“ *To know Denice is, "to love life at its best". She was definitely one of the most loving, unselfish and caring woman I had the pleasure of knowing. She spoke kind and positive of everyone and everything. Her faith and love of the Lord inspired me and so many more as well. Through everything she was always smiling. She so loved God, James, her family, and her friends.*

Nancy & Mark Michalka

Mark & Nancy - September 03, 2020 at 12:25 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Denice Elizabeth Doss.*



September 03, 2020 at 12:22 PM

PW

“ I was fortunate to work with Denice while she was at the MARC Center. Her positive attitude drew people to her and she became a good friend. Her friendship was such a blessing to both my husband and myself. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Peggy Walker - September 03, 2020 at 12:08 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time. Denice always had a smile on her face to match her cheery personality. May God send peace and comfort. Memories last forever and there are a lot of wonderful ones for Denice.

Bonnie Clark - September 03, 2020 at 12:04 PM

KC

“ Kimberly Caissie sent a virtual gift in memory of Denice Elizabeth Doss

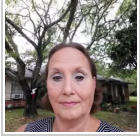


Kimberly Caissie - September 03, 2020 at 11:35 AM

KC

“ Sending this little angel in memory of my Dear Cousin. She was a very sweet lady and had a very beautiful voice. She sang at a very dear occasion for me. She will be missed by many. Scott and family, I am soo sorry for your loss. I know she is resting in the arms of our Lord and Savior.

Kimberly Caissie - September 03, 2020 at 11:33 AM



“ *Deborah Tovar lit a candle in memory of Denice Elizabeth Doss*



Deborah Tovar - September 03, 2020 at 11:09 AM



“ *Our sympathies to all the family. I knew Denice best from 4-H. She was a wonderful person and so gracious to everyone she met.*
Chris Vrana Thomas

Chris Vrana Thomas - September 03, 2020 at 10:57 AM



“ *Cherished Memories - Multicolor Pastel was purchased for the family of Denice Elizabeth Doss.*



September 03, 2020 at 10:41 AM

JF

“Denice was a light that has shine so brightly in my life. I have worked with her on the Chamber Board and the after school I-Tigers Program and in other areas in the community. She was concerned for our children and seniors helped anyway she could. I will miss the beautiful voice of an Angel. Her children and husband were as beautiful as her. They welcome you in their home and family with love. She was a truly a woman of God. I thank you Ashey and family for sharing her with me. I will truly miss her but I know she’s singing in the heavenly choir and Roxli is looking on. I will continually be praying for you all.

Joyce Ford - September 03, 2020 at 09:12 AM

CL

“Charlotte Laffere lit a candle in memory of Denice Elizabeth Doss



Charlotte Laffere - September 03, 2020 at 08:57 AM

KC

Denise was a great person and Neighbor. We will all miss her very much. She loved the Lord and the Lord loves her.

Kyle Cass - September 03, 2020 at 11:31 AM

ML

I loved Denice for 53 years! So sad to find out about her passing. Love to Elaine, Ricky and David, momma Mary too. James so sorry for you, the love of her life!

Mimi Marshall Lurz - June 27, 2022 at 10:39 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Denice Elizabeth Doss.*



September 03, 2020 at 08:40 AM



“ *Great obituary. Denise had a beautiful soul & inspired me so much with her smile everytime I saw her. Gonna miss her smile & kind words. RIP my friend 🥹🥹*

Julie Smith - September 03, 2020 at 04:28 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Denice Elizabeth Doss.*



September 03, 2020 at 01:08 AM



“ *So many to choose from - back when my son Randy & Derek were beginning jr. high, Randy's dad had open heart surgery and James & Denice took Randy into their home for 10 days and prepared him to begin the school year so I could spend the 10 days at the heart hospital with Randy's dad. I didn't have to worry because I knew my son was safe & being well taken care. How do I say thank you? These are the kind of people Denice & her family are. So much love, caring, and faith for their family & others.*

Anne Stewart - September 03, 2020 at 12:40 AM

ML

“ So many sweet memories of this BEAUTIFUL, kind soul. Gone to soon, but never ours to keep. Taught me that I am stronger than I imagined, and ALWAYS ALWAYS keep the faith. I LOVE YOU BEAUTIFUL, and am glad you are the Warrior you are. God needs those right now. Peace & Love ALWAYS to you and yours. I'll ALWAYS be here if they need me. Love, Mary Lou ❤️

Mary Lou Loehr - September 03, 2020 at 12:05 AM

AF

“ Aretha Flores lit a candle in memory of Denice Elizabeth Doss



Aretha flores - September 03, 2020 at 12:04 AM

LI

“ Scott and family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. We are so sorry for your loss.
May you be comforted by the outpouring of love surrounding you.

Keeping you in our prayers,

Joe, Linda, and Jason (JJ) Mathews

Linda - September 03, 2020 at 12:03 AM

ML

“ *Mary Lou Loehr sent a virtual gift in memory of
Denice Elizabeth Doss*



Mary Lou Loehr - September 03, 2020 at 12:01 AM