



Denna Elaine Gray

December 7, 1948 - October 18, 2021

Denna Elaine Gray passed away peacefully on October 18th, 2021 in Hamilton, Texas.

Denna was born December 7, 1948 in Hico, Texas to E.V. & Bette Meador. She graduated from Texas Women's University and was a Home Economics teacher in Hico before moving to the Dallas area for the next 40 years. She raised three boys, started a pre-school at First United Methodist Church in Celina, owned and operated her own tea room and antique shop, "The Red Pineapple," for over a decade. Denna was an avid gardener, a lover of all things chocolate, and made the world's best baked potato soup.

She is preceded in death by her father, E.V. "Buck" Meador, and brother, Randle Lee.

Denna is survived by her mother, Bette, sister, D'ann, brother, Christopher, former spouse, Dwain Gray, and their three sons, Daric, Dusty, and Dylan. As well as, Dylan's wife, Kristin, and their two daughter's, Landry and Caroline.

Cemetery Details

Hico Cemetery

Hico, TX 76457

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **23**. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (CT)

Harvest Hills Funeral Home
118 Second Street
Hico, TX 76457
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Graveside Services

OCT **23**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CS

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Denna's passing. God bless you.* ”

Cathy Slaughter - November 13, 2021 at 01:45 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Denna Elaine Gray.* ”



October 23, 2021 at 08:58 AM



“ *Denna, Chris & DD* ”



Daric Gray - October 22, 2021 at 01:14 PM



“ *3 files added to the tribute wall* ”



Daric Gray - October 22, 2021 at 12:52 PM



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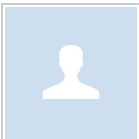
Daric Gray - October 22, 2021 at 03:06 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Denna Elaine Gray.



October 21, 2021 at 09:57 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Denna Elaine Gray.



October 21, 2021 at 08:50 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Denna Elaine Gray.



October 21, 2021 at 03:40 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Denna Elaine Gray.*



October 21, 2021 at 12:41 PM



“ *Sunny Memories was purchased for the family of Denna Elaine Gray.*



October 21, 2021 at 12:14 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Deanna's passing. I knew her growing up in Hico and as a teacher. She was always a good teacher, and neighbor when we were growing up. You are in my prayers during this time.*



Vicki Pierce Pledger - October 20, 2021 at 11:55 PM



Christop Meador

Thank you for your words of sympathy, Vicki. It is comforting to read that my sister made a difference in your life as a teacher. She loved being a teacher & her students. Your prayers are very much appreciated by us all. Christopher Meador

Christopher Meador - October 22, 2021 at 09:45 PM

CH

“ I have many fond memories of Denna, we had a “sister like” relationship. I admired her and loved all the things we did ... I had never spent the night in a hotel, I thought Neiman Marcus was only for the rich, SMU mustangs was the team to cheer.. Denna introduced these things to me, but more important she was a role model, that taught me patience, and hard work. Denna loved to give and she could make or create a masterpiece from nothing. When those three precious boys came along they were adored by my parents and Denna’s parents.... they can carry the beautiful qualities of their mom for themselves to create a better place for us all to live. Blessings to Dusty, Daric Dylan and of course my brother Dwain.

Cindy Gray Hunt

cynthia hunt - October 20, 2021 at 11:15 PM



Christop Meador

Thank you, Cindy. What a beautiful tribute to my sister. I know Denna loved you as well, & as a family we have always loved you, Dwain & the 3 precious sons they brought into this world. Your words are particularly comforting to me, & truly match the story I will be telling of the sister I grew up with in my eulogy. ❤️

Christopher Meador - October 22, 2021 at 09:53 PM



“ Garden of Sweet Memories Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Denna Elaine Gray.



October 20, 2021 at 09:29 PM



“ So sorry about Denna. I have many happy memories of her and The Red Pineapple. Jane Willard

Jane Willard - October 20, 2021 at 08:27 PM



Thank you, Jane. I recall my sister speaking of you & she cherished her days & the people she met at The Red Pineapple. Christopher Meador

Christopher Meador - October 22, 2021 at 09:56 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Denna Elaine Gray.



October 20, 2021 at 04:38 PM



“ Dusty,Daric,Dylan,Dwain purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Denna Elaine Gray.



Dusty,Daric,Dylan,Dwain - October 20, 2021 at 03:44 PM



“ Denna was an incredibly talented woman who had a contagious laugh. I always remember how she loved cooking at Thanksgiving and Christmas; but most of all how she loved her boys. My thoughts and prayers are with you Deric, Dylan, and Dusty.

Angela Melde - October 20, 2021 at 02:44 PM

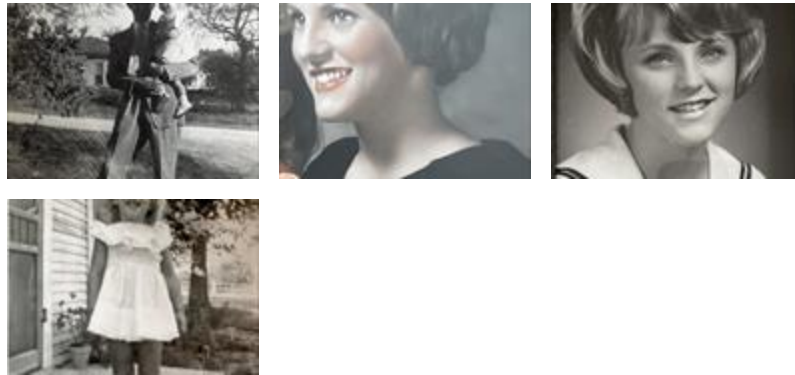


Thank you, Angela. My sister loved those boys, & holidays could be so magical with her. Dylan & I were reminiscing tonight about her laugh & I find myself smiling as I read your sweet words, seeing her face light up as she would laugh from her soul. Thank you again.
Christopher Meador

Christopher Meador - October 22, 2021 at 09:59 PM



“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Christopher Meador - October 20, 2021 at 12:13 PM



Wonderful pics. Thanks for sharing!

Daric Gray - October 20, 2021 at 01:28 PM



“ *I'm So very sad to hear of Denna's passing. Denna was a beautiful person inside and out. She was very creative and loved life. She did make the best baked potato soup and she shared the recipe with me. Strange but I made that soup on Sunday. And I had Denna on my mind. My heart and prayers go out to Dusty, Daric and Dylan. And also to Dwain. Rest In Peace my dear beautiful friend.*

Carolyn McGarth - October 20, 2021 at 11:43 AM



Christop Meador

Thank you, Carolyn for your beautiful words of sympathy & memories. I hope each time you make that baked potato soup, you smile & think of my sister, Denna. And she in turn will be thinking of you. Christopher Meador

Christopher Meador - October 20, 2021 at 01:47 PM



TC

So sad to hear of Denna's passing! We shared many fun experiences at the Red Pineapple! My prayers go out to Dusty, Daric, and Dylan. Love, Teresa Rutherford Cherry

Teresa Rutherford Cherry - October 20, 2021 at 03:44 PM



Christop Meador

Hi Teresa, thank you! My sister loved her shop & the people she interacted with there. I'm glad she & the shop hold a special place in your memory. Christopher Meador

Christopher Meador - October 22, 2021 at 10:02 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Daric Gray - October 20, 2021 at 11:40 AM



BC

“ Barrett & Paige Owens, John Cooper purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Denna Elaine Gray.



Barrett & Paige Owens, John Cooper - October 20, 2021 at 10:51 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Denna Elaine Gray.



October 20, 2021 at 10:12 AM



“ Hello Friends,

I am reminded of my dear mother every time I am asked to spell my name: D-A-R-I-C. (Daric? Who does that? Ha!) I've always said: "I have a very creative mother."

I also can say that my love of music came from her. All the hours spent carpooling, listening to everything from Chicago to Amy Grant definitely left an indelible mark on me & my love of music.

Finally, while God alone knows whether a person has saving faith in Jesus Christ, my mother and I had many discussions about the Bible and the Savior, Jesus. We attended a Billy Graham crusade at Texas Stadium (where she and I walked down onto the field together). She once mailed me a beautiful leather ESV study Bible that I treasured for years. She also started Friendship Corner Preschool right by the First Methodist Church in Celina. And I believe I already mentioned Amy Grant. We loved to sing "Sing Your Praise to the Lord" together in her little diesel Mercedes. You could count on at least one of us boys to spill some French fries on or under her leather seats. She didn't mind though since she had probably just spilled a milkshake. That car always smelled like McDonald's.

I loved my mom and I smile as I remember how much she loved her boys while we were growing up.

I thank God for my mom.

Daric Gray, middle son, 43 years old.

Daric Gray - October 19, 2021 at 08:50 PM

SV

Daric, your post brings tears to my eyes as I read it. I remember Denna's Mercedes and her hauling you boys everywhere in it. Our families had some great times together...starting at Frisco to Celina. Your Mom loved buying beautiful Antiques for the Red Pineapple. She had a gift for decorating and cooking. We had some great food and good times working and laughing together. I have missed her these last few years. She was a good friend for many years. My heart goes out to all you boys, Dwain and family. God bless and prayers sent ❤️🙏 Sue Ann Vest, Gary and our 4 sons

Sue Ann Vest - October 20, 2021 at 04:36 PM



Thank you so much, Sue Ann, for your kind words. We all love the Vests.

We definitely have so many wonderful memories from sports in Frisco & Celina... from: T-Ball, the "Breakers" ⚽, and of course Football! From pee-wee all the way to 95 State Champs, we had amazing times that we are all grateful for today.

Mom was one of the best sports fans, cooks, decorators, and mothers imaginable. Thank you God for these experiences!

Daric Gray - October 24, 2021 at 08:17 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Denna Elaine Gray.*



October 19, 2021 at 08:00 PM