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Ellis, Deidre R. 63, of Broken Arrow, OK, beloved mother and wife journeyed into eternal life where she was embraced by her loving husband, Phillip James on Monday, June 20, 2011. She was born August 30, 1947 in Tulsa, OK and raised by her mother Cora Agnes 'Tiny' McDonald and father Harry McDonald. Deidre graduated from Thomas A. Edison High School in 1965 and attended Northeastern State University, where she was a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha. After a whirlwind romance, she married her husband in 1967 and moved to Kansas City. They returned to the Tulsa area in 1999. Deidre was a member of Boston Avenue United Methodist Church, member of Johnson County Young Matrons, 2011 Honorary Mayor of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma's 2010 Individual Achievement winner as Broken Arrow Beautification Committee chairperson and earned numerous other awards and accolades. She was known for her generosity, tireless work ethic, loving heart and compassion. She enjoyed volunteering, gardening, traveling, reading and being a constant gracious hostess, but above all she was known as a wonderful and loving wife, mother and grandmother. Deidre will be greatly missed by everyone she touched, especially her children, grandchildren, family and dear friends. Deidre is survived by her daughters Andrea Moore and fianc  Jason Lewis of Ashland, MO, Amber Ellis Mahle, and son-in-law Bennett Mahle of Virginia Beach, VA; 4 grandchildren Ian, Ciara, Maddisen and Libby; sisters, Willie Jones of Skiatook, OK, Phoebe Mancino of Broken Arrow, OK; and numerous nieces and nephews. Deidre was preceded in death by her mother, Cora Agnes; and her loving husband Phillip James Ellis. A memorial service will be held at Boston Avenue United Methodist Church, Rose Chapel, 13th and Boston, Tulsa, OK on Monday, June 27th at 11 a.m. A private inurnment will be at Memorial Park. Memorial contributions can be made to Boston Avenue United Methodist Church Endowment Fund. Floral Haven 252-2518



Tribute Wall

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JK

Jim And Barbara Knox posted:

We as everyone were deeply shocked and saddened to hear of the loss of Deidre. We lived in the same neighborhood for many years and she was such a part of making our neighborhood a better place. I fondly remember her walking in the neighborhood past our house and she would stop and visit when we were outside. She most certainly will be missed and always remembered kindly by those whom lives she touched. Our prayers of strength,courage,and healing go out to her family at this time.

June 28 at 2:34 PM

WH

Warren & Sharon Harding posted:

Words can not convey the void Deidra's passing has left in our hearts. We will always remember her smile and cheerful voice. She was a true friend. The neighborhood will not be the same without her. We will miss her a lot. June 26, 2011

June 26 at 4:00 PM

JS

Jo And Jeff Simpson posted:

To Deidre's Family: Jeff and I lived next door to her when Phil was dying of cancer and found her to be courageous and wonderful neighbor. My son, Sean Hennessee, actually owned the house and we were there while he and his family lived close to TU Law School. We were so sorry to hear of her passing. I always admired her grit.Respectfully Jo and Jeff Simpson Stilwell, OK

June 26 at 8:14 AM

WL

Winnie Lichtenwaler posted:

Deidre was such a good, caring friend—I'll miss the fun and friendship and sharing she brought into my life.

June 25 at 7:35 PM

MD

Margaret & Glen Davis posted:

There are no words that can express the emptiness we feel in our hearts. We take comfort in knowing your spirit is with Phil and at peace. We will miss all the wonderful events in which you led us. Your laughter and endless energy are the memories we will cherish forever. From one 'A'girl to another – 'love you' hugs and kisses, Margaret

June 25 at 2:25 PM



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KG

Ken Grist posted:

Deidre and Phil were a wonderful part of our lives during those Trailwood and Kelly's Port years. Very sorry to hear of Deidre's passing. Ken and Tery Grist, Lyn, Kenny and Pete

June 25 at 8:42 AM

LO

Lyn Ostolski posted:

I am very sorry for your loss. I am thinking and praying for you all. I know she is with Phil and will be watching over us. She will be greatly missed. Love you all, Lyn Ostolski aka 'Boomer Grist'

June 25 at 8:01 AM

PH

Paddy Hamill posted:

No one could remember Deidra without thinking about her bright blue eyes, her incredible energy and her great spirit! She was in God's hand when Phil was transferred to Tulsa before his cancer diagnosis. In Tulsa she had the support of her sisters Willie and Phoebe and her best friend Kay! She was so proud of her daughters and was such a loving grandmother to her 4 grandchildren! God only knows why she would have been taken from us at such a young age. I just know that life will be very different without Deidra and I am going to miss her!

June 25 at 6:37 AM

SE

Scott Eudey posted:

I had the distinct pleasure of working with Deidre on the Beautification Committee of the BA Chamber of Commerce and Keep Broken Arrow Beautiful as well as other community functions. She was a delight and a hard worker who gave her all to anything she did. I will miss her greatly, and appreciate her very much. God Bless her and her family during this time. Scott Eudey

June 24 at 1:21 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Deidre by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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