



Debra Lynn Hoyt Shelton

April 20, 1960 - February 7, 2009

DEBRA LYNN HOYT SHELTON

Beloved and adored daughter, cherished mother, sister, aunt, and granddaughter, passed away on Saturday, February 7, 2009 in Richmond, TX. She was born on April 20, 1960 in Houston, TX and was 48 years old. Debbie was preceded in death by her grandfather, Olen Johnson, and grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Hoyt. She is survived by her parents, Kenneth & Doris Hoyt, grandmother, Frankye Johnson, son & daughter-in-law, Josh & Devin Lehmann, son & fiancée, Eric Lehmann & Laura Loper, daughter, Jordan Lynn Shelton, brother & sister-in-law, Kenny & Colleen Hoyt, nephew Tyler Hoyt, and niece Hailey Hoyt, plus a multitude of friends. Debbie grew up in the Spring Branch area in Houston, but moved to Needville about 22 years ago. She was loved by all who were blessed to know her. She loved angels, children, music & dancing, antiques, old quilts, biking, and cooking, but most of all, her family. She was a member of The Daughters of the Republic of Texas. Heaven has a new angel and all the other angels will love her as we do.

The family wishes to express their special thanks to her employer and co-workers at Proclaim America, where Debbie has worked for the past 22 years, for all their kindness and support. Also, thanks go to so many of her friends and extended family who have helped Debbie and her family the last several

weeks. Special thanks go to Dr. Amirali Popatia, MD and his entire staff for the care, support, and concern they gave her.

Her smiling face and gentle presence will be missed by us all, but she will be always in our hearts.

A Memorial Celebration of her life will be officiated by Rev. George Kuebler and will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2009 @ 2:00 PM at Davis-Greenlawn, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd., Rosenberg, TX 77471

In lieu of remembrance flowers, the family requests donations are made to The American Cancer Society.

Tribute Wall

SM

“ *Girl, not a season goes by that I don't wish you were here smiling. You'd be so proud of your kids and the children they are raising. I miss you, my friend. Hope you're dancing in Heaven.*

Sharon McElrath - February 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *Our precious Debbie, you are so missed and loved, but we know you are laughing and dancing pain free. You fought a hard and long battle and never complained. We know you will be watching over all of your family until it is time for us to join you. Your legacy will be shared with all your future generations to come and they will love and know you as we do. Dad and I love you with all our hearts, our precious daughter--for all time and to the ends of the earth, we love you. You light up our lives, our fun-loving, kind, and gentle daughter. We are blessed to have had you for as long as we did. When our time comes, I will be ready to hold your hand again and to kiss your smiling face and wrap you in my arms. Mom and Dad*

Mother and Daddy - February 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *To Debbie and her Family - I was so sorry to hear of her illness and that God had finally called her home. She was always great during the time I worked with her at ProClaim. God has now taken away her pain and he is holding her in his hands for all eternity.*

Dariela Washkoske - February 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ *Debra Lynn Hoyt Shelton*

Stan and Deanna Johnson - February 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ Doris and Ken, I just signed onto the Caring Bridge website today to get an update on Debbie and found this sad news.

I will always remember her sweet personality and beautiful smile. She will be greatly missed by many, and my heart and prayers are with you and the family.

Ann Joyner

Ann Joyner - February 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ What a beautiful person inside and out! No matter where you saw Debbie the place would light up when you saw her smile. The last time I remember seeing her was in Wal-Mart and not many people like Wal-Mart, but Debbie was smiling when I saw her. I loved talking to her and she always had such positive things to say. Her smile was contagious because after talking to her that day I was smiling in Wal-Mart.

My thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Kim Schroeder Antrich - February 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy and sincere condolences. Debbie was a gentle and kind soul who touched the hearts of everyone at Proclaim. Her unique style and good humor will always serve as a great light for all of us to follow as we live our lives.

Randall Brent - February 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Doris and Ken:
My heartfelt sympathies to you in the loss of your precious daughter Debbie. She was a beautiful woman and I know she holds a special place in your hearts. I am praying for you and hope that God's peace and comfort will be with you and your family in the days ahead.*

Sandy Buchannan - February 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Debbie and I shared over 22 years of laughter and so many memories. We worked together and laughed together. ProClaim's Angel will always be remembered and loved. We were all very blessed for knowing her. May God comfort her children and family. Debbie, we will always love you and remember you!*

Rhonda Mosier - February 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Debbie,
We will miss you dearly, but we are relieved that you are no longer in pain. You were more than a friend to all of us. I consider you my sister, because you were always there when I needed to share news, good or bad or other. I am a better person for having known you.*

Josh, Eric, and Jordan - we are here for you, today, tomorrow, always.

The McElrath's - Scott, Sharon, Lindsey and Dane

Sharon McElrath - February 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ *Debra Lynn Hoyt Shelton*

Rose & Pete Thumann - February 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BZ

“ *Our sincere condolences to the family. Josh, Eric and Jordan be strong your mother has no more pain and she is now your guardian angel. Our memories of her from our firefighting family will always be held close to our hearts.*

Brenda & Mark Zatopek - February 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *To all of Debbie's Family,*

Please be aware that you are all in our daily prayers as was Debbie before she joined my Uncle Olen. My heart smiles with the knowledge that he is once again holding his first grandchild in his arms. We all will miss her love and happiness. Praise God for He will see you all through this pain and anguish.

Jim and Linda Faye

Jim Nelson - February 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *Deb,
as I sit here in California trying to do this audit, I find myself thinking about you. I wish I could be there for the service tomorrow, but you, the epitome of a dedicated employee, would understand. I miss your laughter, the funny stories we shared, the peppermints we ate there is a HUGE bucket under her desk!!, your emails to me...especially when I was out of town, the birthday cake cuttings done by you, and knowing that you were always there for me as a good friend. I am honored to have had you as a true friend, and although sad for all of us who remain here on earth, I'm glad you are no longer in pain. Our office will never be the same, and you know we will never forget you. -Elizabeth*

Elizabeth Smith - February 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *"Grace was in all her steps, heaven in her eye, In every gesture dignity and love." Milton must have had an inkling of Debbie's soul when he wrote these lines in 1667 for they truly describe her. We will keep her in our hearts always.*

Jean and Tom Petty - February 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *Debbie shined her light wherever she was. She was loving, patient, calm, and kind. I never heard her complain, even when she was so ill. She was positive and hopeful and a wonderful example to others in how she approached life and its challenges. She was so supportive to me and generous with her effort when I was struggling with something. I am sure she was there for many of her other coworkers as well. There is a huge empty spot to those who knew and cared for her. It is an absence that cannot be filled by anyone else. She impacted many lives in her quiet way and in ways she probably never knew. We are so much better for her presence and spirit when she was here.*

Jackie Newberry - February 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *DEBBIE I WILL MISS YOU BUT WILL NEVER FORGET YOU.*

RAY SCHROEDER - February 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ *Debbie we sure will miss you. You always brought a smile with you to share. Thank you for letting me know you. God Bless the Family*

Felisha Clack - February 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ We are so sad at the loss of Debbie. Josh, Eric and Jordan we love you as we did Debbie and we are here for you. Our hearts go out to all of Debbie's Family. She was truly loved and loved each of you with all her heart.

Debbie and I shared the love of antiques and quilts. The quickest way to make sure she bought an item was to tell her that I was going to buy it if she didn't! She also used that trick on me!

We will treasure our memories of Debbie.

Sam & Becky Shelton - February 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ We will miss you very much but know that now you are in a much better place. We are extremely grateful for the times we had together and for everything that we shared.

*You will always be in our hearts.
Love - Lee Anne & Keith*

Lee Anne Thumann - February 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Debbie - we will miss you very much, but know that as we grow up you will always be watching us & keeping us safe.

*We love you!
Kyle & Bryce*

Lee Anne - February 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ Josh, Eric, and Jordan,

God bless you guys. Your mom was a great person.

John and Jennefer Villarreal - February 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ *Our sincere thoughts and prayers are with her family. There are no words, just know that there are many friends that are thinking of her, and the loved ones she has left behind. God Bless you all.*

Brenda and Dickie Jaynes

Brenda and Dickie Jaynes - February 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

UN

“ *Our LOVE and FOND MEMORIES of a very special Lady. We will always remember you. SINCERLY,
UNCLE BUD & AUNT NAOMI*

Uncle Bud & Aunt Naomi - February 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Dear Debbie,*

We loved you as a child, and loved you as a grown up young lady. You always had a sweet and affectionate nature about you. I want to thank you for my letter you sent to me. Johnny and Steve also send their love. You will always be in our hearts and memories. We know you are in a happy place with the angels.

John and Barbara Bell - February 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MS

“Debbie was always full of smiles and laughter and that will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. God's Blessings for strength and comfort and knowing that he will get you through this time.

Murray & Cathy Straznicky - February 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BD

“The 24 years I knew Debbie, I never met her that she didn't have that tremendous welcoming smile. Words just don't properly express the feelings of the heart in these situations. She was such a beautiful young lady. My prayers are that God's grace will embrace Doris and Ken as they grieve their unthinkable loss as a parent. My heart is with them.

Bob Dean - February 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“Debbie had a beautiful soul and we are the lesser for losing her. I will keep her in my prayers.

Judy McDermott - February 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ I want to send my deepest sympathy to Deb's loving family and all of her friends.

She was so beautiful and so full of life, and just the kind of person who always made you feel good whenever you spoke to her. You couldn't help but smile. And that laugh of hers was contagious! I will miss it so much.

I will miss all our talks about everything from what is going on in her life, to talking about our children or her antiquing adventures or her love of that leche cake she always mentioned.

She was special and will never ever be forgotten by any of us who were lucky enough to have known her. I will cherish my memories of my friendship with her, and will keep her family forever in my thoughts and prayers.

Ann-Marie Ferrara - February 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WJ

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Your mother was a very kind lady with a smile to share with everyone. She will always be remembered for her sweetness. We all know that she is at peace now and will no longer suffer. God bless all of you.

Wendy Jordan - February 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Our sincere condolences to family members. I know she will be missed by the many who loved her

Tim and Judy Fogelsong

Judy Fogelsong - February 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ Our hearts are broken in the loss of Debbie. Life seems so unfair sometimes, but we must hold on to the fact that there is more to the story than we can see. Only God knows the reasons. You are in our prayers.

George and Kimberlie Klare - February 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ To Debbie's children and family I wish to express my deepest sympathy. I am one of the partner's of ProClaim and formerly Caronia so I have known Debbie for over 20 years. Although I do not get to Houston often I have always appreciated the hard work and dedication that Debbie gave us. To this day she was one of the only voices I could recognize instantly when I called and she was always wonderful to talk to. We have lost more than an excellent and dedicated worker and she will be truly missed. I wish you comfort in knowing how much we appreciated her and considered her part of our family. I know she can never be replaced and she will never be forgotten.

Sincerely,
Carl Ferdenzi

Carl Ferdenzi - February 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ To Deb's family and loved ones I send my heartfelt sympathy. I am grateful she is now at peace. Although I did not have the pleasure of working with Debbie in the Houston office, I worked with her from NY. We became close over the years and were good friends. Every morning when I signed on to my computer I would be greeted with an email from the "early bird" which would always make me smile. It was a wonderful way to start the work day. I will miss those emails but most of all I will miss Debbie, a true joy in my life.

In shared sorrow,

Patti

Pat Pieper - February 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ There aren't enough words to express how deeply sorry I am for your loss. My thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family Doris. Debbie was a very beautiful young woman and I know you all loved her more than life itself. May God have his loving arms around all of you to hold you while you greive. All my love to you my precious friend and your sweet family.

Debbie Bowden - February 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Debra Lynn Hoyt Shelton*

MARTHA MENSİK - February 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *You will be missed. Know that you will always be in our hearts and always with us. Your memory will live on!*

Sandy Heckler - February 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ We will certainly miss Debbie. She was a true friend and a sweet person. Our condolences to the entire family. Your loss is heaven's gain and our hearts are heavy with sorrow, and filled with joy knowing she is now at peace....

*The Weber's
Mark, Denise, Megan, and Madalyn*

Mark Weber - February 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Josh, Eric & Jordan,

The three of you have a very special place in my heart as did your Mom. She was a beautiful and gracious lady whose friendship I treasured. There is nothing that I wouldn't do for you and if you need me, I will be there. Remember God has a plan for all of us and takes only the best when the time is right.

Love you guys,

Aunt Mary & Uncle Larry

Mary Kramer - February 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *Debra Lynn Hoyt Shelton*

Mary Kramer - February 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM