



## Debra Lee Petronis

November 6, 1950 - March 6, 2026

Debby Petronis went to be with her Heavenly Father on March 6, 2026 after a brief illness. She was 75 years old. Debra Lee Simmons Petronis (Debby) was born and raised in Amarillo, TX. She attended Baylor University and graduated with a degree in education. While there, she met her husband, Joe. They moved to Lampasas in 1981 and were married for 53 years.

Debby was a stay at home mom for many years raising their 3 children (Amie, Jody, Joby). Then, her love of children led her to Lampasas ISD where she worked mainly in the elementary school library. For the past 13 years, "Miss Debby" was at the First Baptist Church pre-school where she enjoyed greeting the kids each morning.

Debby spent most of her time outdoors in her garden growing wildflowers. She loved chatting with friends and neighbors as well as volunteering in the Lampasas community. She was a kind and caring soul that made everyone feel welcomed. Her grandchildren loved their "DeDe" and looked forward to visiting with her. During basketball season, you could find her rooting for the Baylor Bears!

She is survived by her husband Joe; daughter Amie (Eric) Plumley, grandchildren Phoebe and Frank; son Jody (Mary) Petronis, grandsons JR and Tommy; and daughter Joby Weninger, granddaughter Nelda.

To honor her memory, you are encouraged to plant wildflowers, blow some dandelions, and spend time in nature.



# Tribute Wall

LD

“ May there be comfort in knowing that someone so special will never be forgotten. I met Debbie a few times, she was always loving and warm towards me. May she rest in peace. She's with her loving brother now.

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**IMargaret Flores/sister married to Don** - March 25 at 03:13 PM

LD

*My sister was married to Don.*

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**IMargaret Flores/sister married to Don** - March 25 at 03:15 PM

HP

“ Just found through a mutual friend Debby had passed. Knew Debby from Tascosa H.S. and graduated together in 1969. She was the most caring, thoughtful, honest, sweetest girl and could be a jokester as well. Lost track of her after she left to attend Baylor, and I, the military, however caught up with one another through the Tascosa Class of 69 website and she hadn't changed .... Still Debby. She will be missed by all who knew her. Hank Personius

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**Hank Personius** - March 24 at 07:16 PM

JK

“ Debbie and Joe Petronis were members of my church House of Forgiveness and she was one of the most beloved members. Debbie always had a smile, a kind word, and you could tell that she and Joe loved our Lord and Savior Jesus christ of Nazareth. I always call Debbie my Daisy girl she and I both love flowers and she always had wonderful things to say about all the flowers that I put up at the church. I will miss her very much, but I know she is where she needs to be. ❤️

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**Jana Kidd** - March 11 at 01:58 PM

KS

“ *Debby was my dearest friend. We had a very special bond... the love of children, flowers and just life! She was a sweet and beautiful soul.*

*We had a pact that every summer when we were off from school, we would go nursery hopping...the kind with plants! We shared a love of wildflowers! Her yard was the free and wonderful wildlife garden! I loved that!*

*I'm missing her so much...we had so many plans when we both retired...she was that perfect sweet lady everyone should know in their life . Her family was very dear to her and we shared so many stories of our kids.*

*I know that heaven has gained a wonderful angel but I will miss her every day.*

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**Kelly Secrest** - March 09 at 09:20 PM

DH

“ *You will never meet a woman as genuinely sweet as Debbie. She blessed so many lives at Hanna Springs, including mine. The students and staff all loved her dearly. May God bless her family during this time.* 🙏🙏🙏

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**Della Hohertz** - March 09 at 12:00 PM

MC

“ *I worked with Debby in the library and she wonderful to be around. A true Christian and loving wife and mother to her family.she always had a strong positive attitude. She was born with a happy spirit that rubbed off on everyone around her.* 🙏🙏🙏

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**May Cartwright** - March 09 at 03:28 AM

CG

“ *Debby was one of the most beautiful and kindest woman I’ve ever known. I never once heard her speak ill of anyone. She had a calm, gentle way about her that made people feel comfortable. Her light still shines in the comfort and kindness she brought to so many people.*

*Cherie Garrett*

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**Cherie Saylor Garrett** - March 09 at 12:43 AM

RN

*Debby had a tender and gentle spirit and shared that concern with everyone who met her. A child at heart I am sure Heaven welcomed her and sends her to play in the wildflower meadows. Love personified. She leaves a hole in the hearts of all those she knew.*

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**Robin Noel** - March 09 at 04:39 PM

MY

“ *Debby was a warm and wonderful Christian. She will be missed by so many, including innumerable students who loved her as a second mama.*

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**Mary Jane Yanta** - March 09 at 12:11 AM

CV

“ *Everyone just loved Debbie, she was such and sweet gentle soul and always loved her little laugh...  
She was a faithful servant of God & I was Blessed to know her 🙏*

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**Crystal Varney** - March 08 at 09:09 PM

AH

“ *No words can express my feelings. She was the sunshine for so many people. Her love for people was unconditional. Her love for her family was unconditional but her love for Christ had no end. RIP SWEET LADY!* ”

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**Andrea Hinson** - March 08 at 08:52 PM