



Deborah Ann Wilson

May 29, 1951 - February 15, 2025

Deborah Ann Wilson, daughter of the late James Brown Mantle, Jr. and Lillian Margaret (Thomas) Mantle, was born May 29, 1951, in Maysville, Kentucky.

As a young girl, Deborah grew up in Florida and Arizona. She attended school in Arizona and graduated from Flowing Wells High School in Tucson with the Class of 1968.

In 1971, Deborah moved back to Kentucky and after moving back, she met a young man that was stationed at Ft. Knox by the name of Bobby Dee Wilson. They were united in marriage on May 24, 1975, in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. They shared almost 30 years of marriage together before Bobby preceded her in death on October 23, 2005.

Due to Bobby being in the military, Deborah and the family were transferred to Fort Leonard Wood in 1985 and when Bobby retired in 1991, they decided to remain in the area.

Deborah was a hardworking woman and took great pride in helping to provide for her family. While they were stationed in Germany, she worked as a cashier for the commissary and after coming to Fort Leonard Wood, she began working as a cook for the Waynesville R-VI School District at Partridge Elementary School located on the military installation. She then worked as a

clerk at the Waynesville License Bureau office, but mostly and foremost she was a wife, mother and grandmother and was always putting her family first.

In her spare time, she enjoyed sewing and quilting. Most importantly, she loved her family and treasured the times that they could spend together, especially her grandchildren who she teasingly said she loved more than her children.

At a young age, Deborah had made a profession of faith and while living in Arizona, she was baptized at the local Baptist church. She entered her heavenly home on Saturday, February 15, 2025, having attained the age of 73 years. Debbie had been diagnosed with terminal cancer in May 2024. She was a tough soldier and fought hard and courageously. She wanted everyone to celebrate her life and knew she would be happy being with her husband again. She will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved her.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her three children: Steve Griffis (Jessie) of Rogersville, MO, Rebecca Griffis of Parker, CO, and James Wilson (Nikki) of Sandy, UT; seven grandchildren: Ashley, Aubrie, Austin, Easton, Alex, Jamie, and Kaleigh; eleven great grandchildren; several other relatives, and friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, Deborah was preceded in death by one sister: Marsha Mantle.

Even though she is gone from our sight, Deborah's spirit will live on in our hearts forever.

Services were held at 12:00 p.m. Monday, February 24, 2025 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Pastor Danny Graves. The songs "Amazing Grace" by Carrie Underwood, "Just A Closer

"Walk with Thee" by Randy Travis, and "Everybody Talks to God" by Aaron Lewis were played. Serving as escorts were Stephen L. Griffis, Austin Griffis, James K. Wilson, Mack Gaono, Aidan Derhiem, and Chad Derhiem. Burial followed in the Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery of Waynesville, Missouri. Services were under the care and direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Deborah Wilson and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery

Highway 17 South
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **24**. 10:00 AM.

Memorial Chapels And Crematory Of Waynesville / St. Robert

Funeral Service

FEB **24**. 12:00 PM.

Memorial Chapels And Crematory Of Waynesville / St. Robert

Tribute Wall

BE

“ *Miss you Mom*

Becky - August 30, 2025 at 12:47 AM

BM

“ *Becky miss you Mom lit a candle in memory of Deborah Wilson*



Becky miss you Mom - August 30, 2025 at 12:45 AM

JD

“ *I will always remember Debbie's beautiful smile and her wonderful sense of humor. We were the same age, which she noticed at the DMV, though I teased her that she was 5 months older. I carried her mail and we became buddies. When she saw me driving up her street she would stand there with a big smile and would stick her leg out and raise her pant leg! She always made me laugh! Your main profile photo is how I will always remember her. She made me a beautiful quilt throw that I will always cherish!! I am so saddened that I always meant to go by and visit her after I retired but, other than seeing her at Walmart, I never made it back to her house. I will miss her and she will be in my thoughts and prayers! You will all be in my prayers and as you know you had a very special mother/grandmother and were very lucky to have her in your life! 🙏*



Janis Dunham - February 24, 2025 at 04:20 PM

JD

“ *Janis Dunham lit a candle in memory of
Deborah Wilson* ”



Janis Dunham - February 24, 2025 at 04:02 PM

DC

“ A Fallen Limb

*A limb has fallen from the family tree.
I keep hearing a voice that says,
“Grieve not for me.*

*Remember the best times,
the laughter, the song.
The good life I lived
while I was strong.*

*Continue my heritage,
I’m counting on you.
Keep smiling and surely
the sun will shine through.*

*My mind is at ease,
my soul is at rest.
Remembering all,
how I truly was blessed.*

*Continue traditions,
no matter how small.
Go on with your life,
don’t worry about falls.*

*I miss you all dearly,
so keep up your chin.
Until the day comes
we’re together again.”*

Darrel, Rene, and Chad - February 23, 2025 at 07:11 PM

BG

“ *Becky Griffis lit a candle in memory of Deborah Wilson*



Becky Griffis - February 23, 2025 at 01:23 PM

BM

“ *Bryan Mehring lit a candle in memory of Deborah Wilson*



Bryan Mehring - February 22, 2025 at 09:39 PM

DC

“ *Oh, Debbie!! You had become a constant for us....remaining steady and seeing us through the darkest times of our lives. You were more like an Aunt than a cousin. To say we're going to miss you is beyond an understatement!! I wish we would have/could have shown you the love we have for you. Our hearts are broken.*

Darrel, Rene, and Chad - February 22, 2025 at 09:20 PM

RM

“ *Debi was always the sweetest person! I got the pleasure of meeting her about 12-13 years ago! Loved her sense of humor, and her joy of visiting her grandchildren! I will miss her!*



Ruth Mehring - February 22, 2025 at 07:50 PM

KS

“ I remember the times hanging out at the house (Ft. Wood & Dexheim), your mom had the sweetest spirit and always made me feel welcome! I'm truly sorry for your loss and pray that your cherished memories with your mom will be of comfort.

Karen Hines Satterwhite - February 22, 2025 at 03:49 PM

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“ Karen Hines (Satterwhite) lit a candle in memory of Deborah Wilson



Karen Hines (Satterwhite) - February 22, 2025 at 03:30 PM



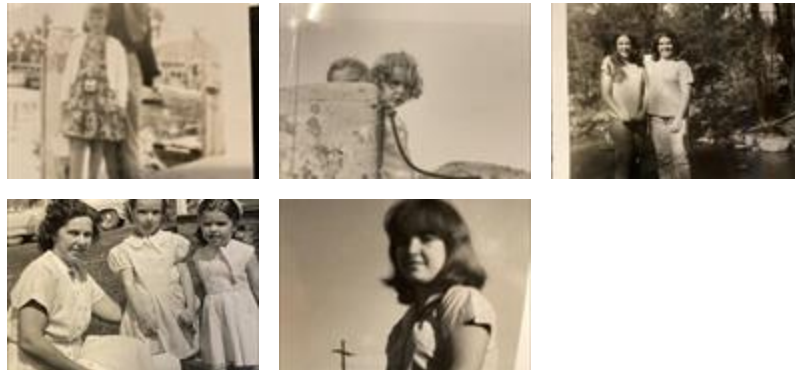
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Memorial Chapels and Crematory - February 22, 2025 at 01:37 PM

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Becky Griffis - February 21, 2025 at 05:52 PM

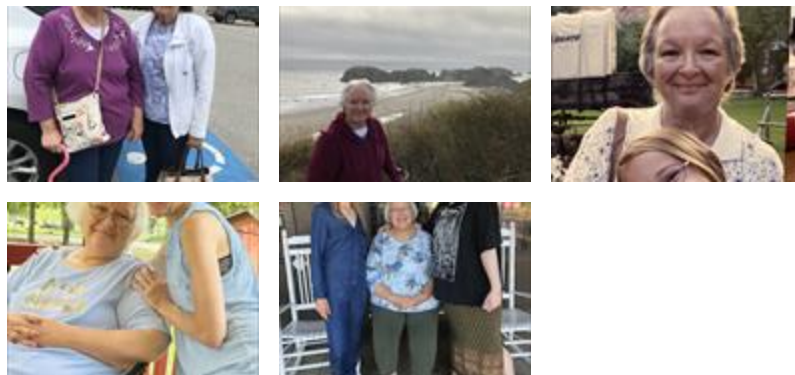
JE

“ Deborah was always full of energy and life in my time with her. All of my interactions were always a delight and came away feeling great. She will be missed.

Jon Emerick - February 21, 2025 at 02:51 PM

BG

“ 12 files added to the tribute wall



Becky Griffis - February 21, 2025 at 11:29 AM

EA

“ *Earl & Michelle Arnold lit a candle in memory of Deborah Wilson*



Earl & Michelle Arnold - February 20, 2025 at 09:15 PM

DP

“ *Debby we will miss you so. A beautiful spirit and always willing to offer advice, knowledge and laughter. Our memories of you always pleasant and kind will last forever.. your Bobby is so happy to see you. Love, Delilah*

Delilah Peschel - February 20, 2025 at 06:28 PM

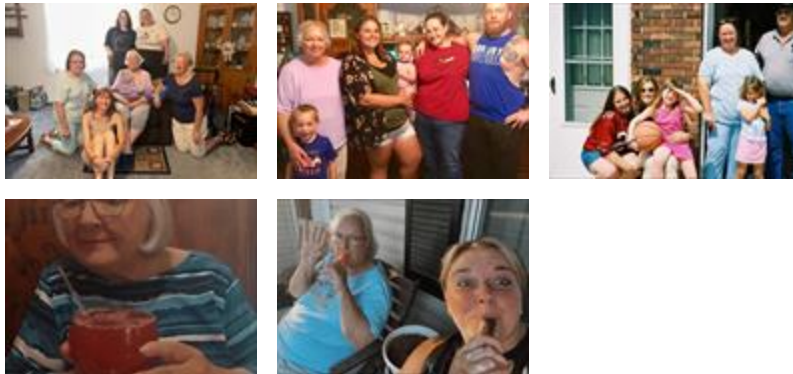
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“ *We talk every day and we will continue to talk every day!*

Becky Griffis - February 19, 2025 at 08:26 PM

AS

“ My grandma will always be remembered for her kind heart, and gentle yet feisty when needed soul. She was the best quilter, the best grandmom, and a true friend. I find peace in knowing she was met by and is back with Grandpa, Nanny, and her sister Marsha. I love you Grandma, I'll miss you every minute until I see you again.



Ashley Stewart - February 19, 2025 at 08:25 PM

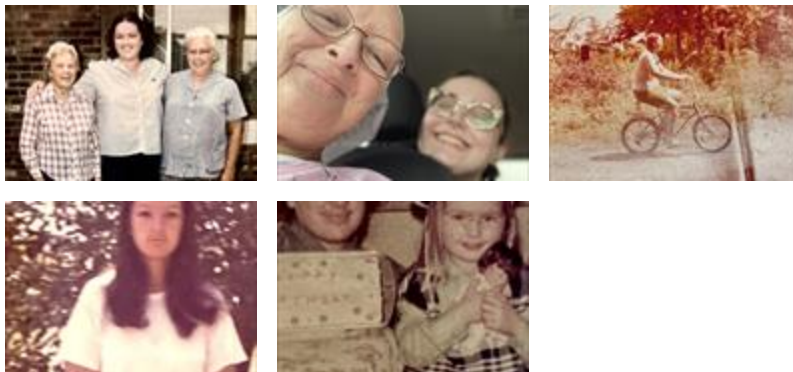
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“ Love you Mom

Becky Griffis - February 19, 2025 at 08:25 PM

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Becky Griffis - February 19, 2025 at 08:04 PM

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“ *Becky Griffis lit a candle in memory of Deborah Wilson*



Becky Griffis - February 19, 2025 at 07:56 PM

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“ *7 files added to the tribute wall*



Becky Griffis - February 19, 2025 at 05:48 PM