Deborah Lee Gaddy

May 8, 1955 - May 24, 2026

Deborah Lee Gaddy, 71, of Albemarle, passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 24, 2026, at Tucker Hospice House in Kannapolis.

A memorial service to celebrate Deborah's life will be held at 3:00 PM on Sunday, July 5, 2026, at Stanly Funeral Home Chapel in Albemarle, officiated by Pastor Jason Almond. The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM until 2:45 PM prior to the service.

Deborah was born on May 8, 1955, in Ohio to the late Donald and Barbara Atkin.

She is lovingly survived by her children, Robert Gaddy, Melissa Parsons (Jeffrey), Rachel Nix (William), and Tim Gaddy (Amanda); her cherished grandchildren, Benjamin Parsons, Logan Lewis, Christian Nix, Samuel Parsons, Connor Curry, Jacob Gaddy, and Henry Gaddy; her sister, Denise Douglas (Jeff); and numerous beloved nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Deborah was preceded in death by her husband, Larry Wayne Gaddy in 2024; her sisters, Diane Whittenburg and Jennifer Holly.

Deborah was a devoted mother and grandmother whose greatest joy was her

family. She faced life’s challenges and suffering with grace, strength, and unwavering faith, raising her children to know and love Jesus. Deborah was known for her quick wit, intelligence, and wonderful sense of humor that brought laughter to those around her. She enjoyed playing spades, working crossword puzzles, and spending time with family. She was also a gifted cook whose meals brought everyone together around the table. Above all, Deborah treasured her grandchildren and loved praise and worship music.

The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to the staff of Tillery Compassionate Care, Atrium Health Hospice of Cabarrus County, and Andrea Lillie for the love, care, and support shown to Deborah during her declining health.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Tillery Compassionate Care, 960 N. First Street, Albemarle, NC 28001.

While she will be deeply missed, Deborah leaves behind a legacy of faith, love, and beautiful memories that will continue to bring comfort for years to come.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **5**. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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My favorite memory was how Aunt Debbie used to tell me one of her favorite memories. She told of how when my mom had me(the youngest of 4) she called Aunt Debbie and said "I finally have a pretty baby!" Yes, the story was funny and cute, but the best part was watching her tell me the story, laughing so hard that she had tears running down her face every single time!

You will be deeply missed but I'm so grateful that you are with Grandma, Grandpa, Momma, Aunt Jenny, of course Uncle Larry, and sooooo many more… but most of all Jesus, your first love! I love you!

Stephanie Eudy - June 29 at 10:31 PM

RN

My parents are together again 🌡️ □

Rachel Nix - May 26 at 10:45 PM

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Rachel Nix lit a candle in memory of Deborah Lee Gaddy

Rachel Nix - May 26 at 09:46 PM

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Sincerest sympathy to all of the family.

Suzanne Shields - May 26 at 11:38 AM

I've known the Atkin Family and Deb since the 1950's. Married her sister, Diane, in 1977 in San Jose, CA. So many memories, but one of my favorites is Diane and I would go to The Gaddys' on Friday nights for games, crackers & cheese snacks, and watching vhs videos of The Pink Panther. Love you forever, Deb!

Terry Whittenburg - May 25 at 06:27 PM

RN

We love you, Unc □

Rachel Nix - May 26 at 09:50 PM