



Denise Houston Joyner

November 13, 1962 - July 29, 2012

Funeral services for Denise Houston Joyner, age 49, are scheduled for 4:00 PM Wednesday, August 1 at Oak Grove Methodist Church with Rev. Mark McCaslin, Rev. Joy Weathersby and Rev. Howard Russom officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Pafford Funeral Home of Lexington has charge of the arrangements.

Denise, a former educator, died late Sunday, July 29, 2012 in Jackson, TN. She was a very active member of the Oak Grove Methodist Church, a Lay-Leader of the congregation and a district officer with the United Methodist Women. Denise enjoyed learning and was always an educator. She was a 1980 graduate of Lexington High School. She received her BS and Master's degree from UT Martin, her specialist degree from Freed Hardeman University and her PhD from Tennessee State University. Denise strived to make a difference, whether through community service as Vice-President of the Middleburg Ruritan Club or in the class room at high schools in Lexington and Lebanon or at the collegiate level at Union University. When not in the classroom, she enjoyed her family, and her farm, Houston Century Farm in the Middleburg Community. She was just as comfortable on a tractor as she was in the classroom.

She is survived by her husband, Dale Joyner and her children: Mark and Jim Joyner all of Lexington; her sisters: Linda (Phil) Steiger, Kim (David) Dowdy

and Cynthia (Ryan) Savage; her mother, Mrs. Lutie Williams Houston (Bro. Bob) Brown and eleven nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Dr. Kenneth Houston, her sister, Angela Houston Davis and a nephew, Matthew Edgin.

In lieu of flowers the Joyner family request donations to the Dr. Kenneth Houston Scholarship Fund, % Anita Fesmire, 135 Stan Lane, Cedar Grove, TN 38321. To view Denise's memorial website please visit: www.paffordfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Oak Grove Methodist Cemetery

155 Todd Long Rd
Scotts Hill, TN 38374

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 31. 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Pafford Funeral Home - Lexington, TN
71 Monroe Ave.
Lexington, TN

Visitation

AUG 1. 11:00 AM - 3:30 PM (CT)

Pafford Funeral Home - Lexington, TN
71 Monroe Ave.
Lexington, TN

Church Service

AUG 1. 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM (CT)

Oak Grove Methodist Church
155 Todd Long Rd
Scotts Hill, TN 38374

Tribute Wall

SH

“ Stephanie Roberts Hardin lit a candle in memory of Denise Houston Joyner



Stephanie Roberts Hardin - August 04, 2012 at 09:46 PM

JH

“ Jeanita Wilson Hosea lit a candle in memory of Denise Houston Joyner



Jeanita Wilson Hosea - August 02, 2012 at 12:38 PM

SA

“ Shelia Arnold lit a candle in memory of Denise Houston Joyner



Shelia Arnold - August 02, 2012 at 08:46 AM

LA

“ Lisa Alexander lit a candle in memory of Denise Houston Joyner



Lisa Alexander - August 01, 2012 at 08:27 PM



“ *Barbara Reed lit a candle in memory of Denise Houston Joyner*



barbara reed - August 01, 2012 at 04:44 PM



“ *Tammi Roberts lit a candle in memory of Denise Houston Joyner*



tammi roberts - August 01, 2012 at 04:40 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers to the family.*

Mrs.Jeannie Arnold - August 01, 2012 at 04:32 PM



“ *Mrs.Jeannie Arnold lit a candle in memory of Denise Houston Joyner*



Mrs.Jeannie Arnold - August 01, 2012 at 04:30 PM

MR

“ *Mary Ann Rhodes lit a candle in memory of Denise Houston Joyner*



Mary Ann Rhodes - August 01, 2012 at 11:45 AM

KF

“ *Karen Blankenship Flanagan lit a candle in memory of Denise Houston Joyner*



karen blankenship flanagan - August 01, 2012 at 11:27 AM

LS

thank you so much karen, linda

linda steiger - August 01, 2012 at 11:45 AM

RS

“ *Randy And Rhonda Bradfield Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Denise Houston Joyner*



Randy and Rhonda Bradfield Sanders - August 01, 2012 at 09:24 AM

RS

Praying for GOD's peace and comfort to you all.

Randy and Rhonda Bradfield Sanders - August 01, 2012 at 09:25 AM

“ DENISE

*This morning
I watched the sun rise
I thought about your life
I thought about your accomplishments*

*My mind takes me back to College
At the Baptist Student Union
How you were always helping others
Always thinking of others*

*As an RA you were always available
Helping all the girls
Showing moral principles
And yet not judging*

*In the middle of the night
No matter what the time
You would be there
Ready to help anyone in need*

*Then you became a teacher
Always there for your students
Listening and helping
Making you the ‘go to” teacher*

*Many hats you have worn;
A Wife, A Mother, A Teacher,
A Sister, A Aunt, A cousin,
And most of all A Friend*

*Most of all you will be remembered
As a Christian that Walked the Walk*

*See you in awhile,
Eric*

Eric Blankenship - August 01, 2012 at 08:49 AM

JJ

“ *John And Megan Jordan lit a candle in
memory of Denise Houston Joyner*



John and Megan Jordan - August 01, 2012 at 06:32 AM



“ *lit a candle in memory of Denise Houston
Joyner*



August 01, 2012 at 12:26 AM

MJ

“ *Mike And Bobbie Jackson lit a candle in
memory of Denise Houston Joyner*



Mike and Bobbie Jackson - July 31, 2012 at 11:46 PM

DL

“ *Dawn Lewis lit a candle in memory of Denise Houston Joyner*



Dawn Lewis - July 31, 2012 at 11:34 PM

CE

“ *Christopher D. Escue lit a candle in memory of Denise Houston Joyner*



Christopher D. Escue - July 31, 2012 at 10:20 PM

RH

“ *Reda Hayes lit a candle in memory of Denise Houston Joyner*



Reda Hayes - July 31, 2012 at 10:11 PM

SW

“ *Steve & Jo Nell Weatherford lit a candle in memory of Denise Houston Joyner*



Steve & Jo Nell Weatherford - July 31, 2012 at 03:50 PM

TB

“ Tina Beasley lit a candle in memory of Denise Houston Joyner



Tina Beasley - July 31, 2012 at 03:08 PM

BB

“ Brandy Bishop lit a candle in memory of Denise Houston Joyner



brandy bishop - July 31, 2012 at 01:10 PM

DJ

“ Dorothy (Joyner) Johnson lit a candle in memory of Denise Houston Joyner



Dorothy (Joyner) Johnson - July 31, 2012 at 12:15 PM

CR

“ Cheryl Rhodes lit a candle in memory of Denise Houston Joyner



Cheryl Rhodes - July 31, 2012 at 10:38 AM

SH

“ Steve Hinson lit a candle in memory of
Denise Houston Joyner



Steve Hinson - July 31, 2012 at 09:47 AM

CL

“ Cathy Riddell Lawler lit a candle in memory of
Denise Houston Joyner



Cathy Riddell Lawler - July 31, 2012 at 08:43 AM



“ I first met Denise when I was a 15 year old at LHS. I was the office student aide. I was also expecting my first child. She and I talked each day as I worked for her and Mr. Brown in the office. When I delivered my son at Jackson General, she came to visit me bringing a bouquet of flowers. I will never forget that. As time went on, she was my senior history teacher. After high school I told her I was going to enter college as an education major. She said, "It is a difficult profession, but if you have a passion for it, no one can talk you out of it." She was right. Years later after learning of the death of Coach Jim Stowe, I had a long conversation with Denise via online chat. We had just learned of his death, and we shared memories of the first year we met. I shared with her how much she meant to me, and how she influenced my love for education. I felt strongly, at that moment. I should tell her how much she meant to me. After a long conversation about how excited she was to earn her doctorate, she thanked me, told me how much she appreciated hearing how she had influenced my life, and we signed off. I will never forget her. Goodbye dear friend and thank for you for crossing my path in this life. God Bless you, dear family...God Bless.

Cindy Bryson - July 31, 2012 at 12:46 AM

RT

“ Rex Allen Tate lit a candle in memory of Denise Houston Joyner



Rex allen tate - July 30, 2012 at 11:56 PM

JL

“ Ms. Denise Houston Joyner was a wonderful person, teacher, and mentor. Her father was principal of Westover when I started school. When I entered high school she was my psychology and sociology teacher. When I became a teacher she was the school representative during M-Team meetings. She had such life in the classroom and was very practical and calm during those meetings. Always keeping the student's best interests in the forefront. She has touched the lives of so many. Praying for strength and peace in the coming days and months for your family.

Jamie Pusser Lindsey - July 30, 2012 at 10:47 PM

CG

“ Cynthia Hays Gilliam lit a candle in memory of Denise Houston Joyner



Cynthia Hays Gilliam - July 30, 2012 at 10:30 PM

NC

“ Denise was a beautiful person and a faithful friend. I was blessed to have known her since high school and cherish many wonderful memories of Denise and her precious family. I know she is celebrating with her friends and family in heaven. I'm grateful I had the chance to call her friend and will miss her sweet smile and loving spirit. Praying for her friends and family to find strength and comfort as they reflect on her life and the positive impact she made on everyone who knew her.

Nancy Choate - July 30, 2012 at 10:07 PM

EB

“ Denise was a friend and a girlfriend of mine when we were freshman in LHS. All the band trips, Football games, dates and so on...some good times. I then saw you off and on through college...our friendship was there... You and your mom would come see my dad when he had cancer...you were a friend. You will be missed. I have seen you make goals for yourself and meet those goals. Your family and friends are so proud to have called you Dr. Denise Houston Joyner...and most of all a friend. You will be missed. I remember you talking about your grandmother so she will be there to meet you on the other side as well as your dad and another friend of ours your sister Angela....and sheri dressander (another classmate). Just like i told my daughter when we closed the casket lid....we will see you in the morning.....your friend eric blankenship eblanken111761@aol.com.
To her family, prayers....and love and i pray that the lord sends his comfort to you....

Eric Blankenship - July 30, 2012 at 09:38 PM

DJ

“ I will never forget the long talks with Denise about education, family and life in general. She always kept her cool in tough meetings and taught me so much. I love and will miss you Denise. Praying and loving you all, Dale, Mark, Jim, Ms. Lutie, Linda, Kim and Cindy. I am better for my time with her. Dana (Barrow) Johnson

Dana Johnson - July 30, 2012 at 08:15 PM

EF

“ We are sending our love and prayers your way. May God grant you peace and comfort during this difficult time. We love you all. Bill and Elizabeth (Teague) Ford

Elizabeth Ford - July 30, 2012 at 07:45 PM



“ *ELLA LEWIS lit a candle in memory of Denise Houston Joyner*



ELLA LEWIS - July 30, 2012 at 07:21 PM



“ *My prayers are with the family. May you find the strength that you need through God and all of your friends and family. Denise was my teacher and later years my friend. Mark - you have always had a special place in my family's heart if you ever need us we will always be there for you and your family.*

Kimberly Moore Owens "Class of 86"

Kimberly Moore Owens - July 30, 2012 at 07:01 PM



“ *Brenda Stubblefield Carr lit a candle in memory of Denise Houston Joyner*



Brenda Stubblefield Carr - July 30, 2012 at 06:13 PM



“ 4 files added to the album Denise



linda steiger - July 30, 2012 at 05:42 PM



“ Sorry to hear about Denise. Our prayers are with the family.
Imogene & Fred Frye

Imogene & Fred Frye - July 30, 2012 at 05:38 PM



“ Thank you so much for being one of the best friends I've ever had
as well as always being an inspiration to myself and my family. I'll
always miss you. Prayers to you all and God bless you.

Ed Harris - July 30, 2012 at 04:39 PM



“ Praying for you guys!
Kenny Maness LHS '80

Kenny Maness - July 30, 2012 at 04:15 PM

SH

“ So sorry to hear about Denise... She was one of my teachers at LHS in 1986...We will be praying for your family..

Sheila "Kelley" Hayes - July 30, 2012 at 03:03 PM

TS

So sorry for your loss, You will be in our prayers..

Teressa Pope Sullivan - July 30, 2012 at 03:09 PM

JN

So sorry for your loss. Your family will be in my prayers.

Jaynie Nowell-Snoke - July 30, 2012 at 06:50 PM