



Debra "Debbie" Townsend

July 30, 1958 - January 16, 2022

Debra Lynn "Debbie" Townsend, 63, of Louise passed away on January 16, 2022. She was born on July 30, 1958 in Hempstead, TX to John and Helen Carleston. She graduated from Louise High School and received an Associate Applied Science Degree from Wharton County Jr. College.

Debbie married the love of her life Ivan Lowell Townsend on April 25, 1981. Residing in Louise her whole life she attended First Baptist Church of Louise and was an integral part of the community. Debbie dedicated her love and her life to her family. She was always hosting family and friend celebrations at their home. "NaNa", as she was so affectionately called by her grandchildren, could never say no. Her house was where they wanted to be all the time and was their second home for many sleepovers and pool times. NaNa never missed a game, cow show or anytime she could spend with her babies.

Graduating in 1976 from Louise High School she was involved in youth rodeo, basketball and excelled in drama. She later worked as secretary for Louise ISD, served on the school board, and assisted her husband in the daily operations at CIC Construction.

Debbie carried on her father's passion for the Santa Gertrudis breed and served in officer roles in the Mid-Coast Santa Gertrudis Association, she was the chairwoman of the Santa Gertrudis Super Sale at the Houston Livestock

Show, and on the Santa Gertrudis Breeders International Board of Directors in various leadership positions. She most enjoyed watching her grandsons carry on the family livestock traditions at the state and national shows.

Debbie is preceded in death by her father John Allen Carleston and was taken from this life with her daughter, Tana Townsend Hajovsky.

She is survived by her mother Helen Carleston, husband Ivan Townsend, daughter Tanya Townsend Bram and son-in-law Craig, son-in-law Cory Hajovsky, sister Cindy Blaha and brother-in-law Bud along with their children Caydi, Clint and his wife Miranda. She also leaves behind her beloved grandchildren Caleb, Cade, Cale Bram and Logan Hajovsky. Debbie is further survived by many brother and sister in laws and nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 5 pm to 7 pm on Monday January 24, 2022 at Triska Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday January 25, 2022 at 10 am at the First Baptist Church in El Campo. Burial will follow at Garden of Memories Cemetery in El Campo.

Serving as pallbearers are Clint Blaha, Rodney Cooper, Johnnie Gresham, John Mikolajczak, Chad Morton, and Scott Yackel.
Honorary Pallbearers will be Stanley "Bud" Blaha Jr, Caydi Blaha, Craig Bram, Cory Hajovsky and her grandchildren.

Cemetery Details

Garden of Memories

US Business 59 and CR 358
El Campo, TX 77437

Previous Events

Family Will Receive Visitors

JAN 24. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Triska Funeral Home
612 Merchant Street
El Campo, TX 77437-3440
(979) 543-3681
triskafh@sbcglobal.net

Funeral Service

JAN 25. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
210 Depot Street
El Campo, TX 77437

Interment

JAN 25 (CT)

Garden of Memories
US Business 59 and CR 358
El Campo, TX 77437

Tribute Wall



“ I worked with Rodney at Sabine Station.
My condolences to the family. So sorry.

Doris Webb - July 03, 2025 at 11:56 AM



“ Pam L Vesely lit a candle in memory of Debra
"Debbie" Townsend



Pam L Vesely - January 25, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ Rae Ann Johnson lit a candle in memory of
Debra "Debbie" Townsend



Rae Ann Johnson - January 25, 2022 at 09:30 PM



“ Sending condolences to the family.

Sandra W - January 25, 2022 at 12:07 PM

LV

“ Prayers over you and your family Tanya. Your mama was a blessing to us growing up, always so sweet to all. She was a very Beautiful lady and so was your little sister. I am sorry for the family's unimaginable loss. You'll be in my thoughts and prayers.



Letty Vasquez - January 25, 2022 at 10:50 AM

GY

“ Gary Yackel lit a candle in memory of Debra "Debbie" Townsend



Gary Yackel - January 24, 2022 at 07:12 PM

GY

“ Ivan I am so sorry. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Gary Yackel - January 24, 2022 at 07:03 PM

JW

“ Jerry & Janice Winter lit a candle in memory of Debra "Debbie" Townsend



Jerry & Janice Winter - January 24, 2022 at 06:33 PM



“ Love and peace to your family during this trying time. We love you and you're in our prayers! Wade, Amber & Lauren Watkins

Amber Laza Watkins - January 24, 2022 at 06:27 PM

SS

“ Thoughts and prayers for you and your family.



Scott and Sheri Strnadel



Sheri Strnadel - January 24, 2022 at 06:18 PM

TF

“ The Peters Family lit a candle in memory of Debra "Debbie" Townsend



The Peters Family - January 24, 2022 at 03:48 PM

CT

“ Chris And Cynthia Treybig lit a candle in memory of Debra "Debbie" Townsend



Chris And Cynthia Treybig - January 24, 2022 at 03:07 PM

DN

“ Duane and Luane Naiser purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Debra "Debbie" Townsend.



Duane and Luane Naiser - January 24, 2022 at 02:25 PM

GY

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with this family as they get through this difficult time. We were fortunate to know Debbie through her grandson and following the baseball team. She was always keeping up with the kids and the gatherings she hosted at her home for the team. Such a sweet lady, she will truly be missed.
Kurt, Gina, and Kyler Yackel

Gina Yackel - January 24, 2022 at 01:25 PM

VC

“ Victoria Skeet and Trap Club purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Debra "Debbie" Townsend.



Victoria Skeet and Trap Club - January 24, 2022 at 12:41 PM

DD

“ Diane Dluhos sent a virtual gift in memory of Debra "Debbie" Townsend



Diane Dluhos - January 24, 2022 at 12:08 PM

CS

“ Curtis and Carole Salter purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Debra "Debbie" Townsend.



Curtis and Carole Salter - January 24, 2022 at 11:17 AM

KS

“ Kelly D Staff lit a candle in memory of Debra "Debbie" Townsend



Kelly D Staff - January 24, 2022 at 10:06 AM

LF

“ Love, Jerome and Karen Knebel and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Debra "Debbie" Townsend.



Love, Jerome and Karen Knebel and family - January 24, 2022 at 09:56 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Debra "Debbie" Townsend.



January 24, 2022 at 09:42 AM

DC

“ Devon Energy - Cuero purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Debra "Debbie" Townsend.



Devon Energy - Cuero - January 24, 2022 at 09:37 AM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Debra "Debbie" Townsend.



January 24, 2022 at 08:57 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Debra "Debbie" Townsend.



January 24, 2022 at 08:26 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Debra "Debbie" Townsend.



January 24, 2022 at 08:17 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Debra "Debbie" Townsend.*



January 24, 2022 at 08:15 AM



“ *I'll remember Debbie for her excitement in coordinating Vacation Bible School in Louise, especially the summer it was called God's Big Backyard. She made it fun for kids to learn about God. God bless you, her family, as we think of all the lives she touched.*

Nancy Routh - January 23, 2022 at 10:50 PM



“ *Kathryn Krpec lit a candle in memory of Debra "Debbie" Townsend*



kathryn krpec - January 23, 2022 at 06:02 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are for you and your family.
Henry & Kristin Mikolajczak & family*



Kristin Mikolajczak - January 23, 2022 at 02:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Debra "Debbie" Townsend.*



January 23, 2022 at 02:34 PM



“ *Dear Ivan our prayers are with you and your family may Debbie and your beautiful daughter rest in peace and made the perpetual light shine upon them. Augie & Terri Beltran*



Augie & Terri Beltran - January 23, 2022 at 09:15 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Debra "Debbie" Townsend.*



January 22, 2022 at 09:12 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Debra "Debbie" Townsend.*



January 22, 2022 at 07:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Debra "Debbie" Townsend.*



January 22, 2022 at 06:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Debra "Debbie" Townsend.*



January 22, 2022 at 06:33 PM



“ *Foster, Poncik, Slovak, Gradick purchased the Rainbow Reflections Basket for the family of Debra "Debbie" Townsend.*



Foster, Poncik, Slovak, Gradick - January 22, 2022 at 04:15 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Debra "Debbie" Townsend.*



January 22, 2022 at 03:51 PM

CM

“ *Deepest sympathy to the family*

Clayton & Becca Mayer - January 22, 2022 at 11:55 AM

JF

“ *Julie Strnadel & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Debra "Debbie" Townsend*



Julie Strnadel & Family - January 22, 2022 at 10:47 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Debra "Debbie" Townsend.*



January 22, 2022 at 10:44 AM

KS

“ *Prayers for the families. May she Rest In Peace.*



Kori Staff - January 22, 2022 at 10:41 AM

SW

“ Our deepest condolences 🙏 Prayers & Hugs
Chuck & Shannae Waligura



shannae waligura - January 22, 2022 at 10:22 AM

AS

“ Heart is saddened for your family , god give
them mercy and grace , rest in peace,



Annie Sanchez - January 22, 2022 at 09:31 AM

RJ

“ So heartbreaking! RIP sweet lady! My
thoughts and prayers are with your family. 🙏
🙏



Rae Ann Johnson - January 21, 2022 at 10:36 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of
Debra "Debbie" Townsend.



January 21, 2022 at 09:53 PM

DT

“ Our prayers for comfort and peace are lifted for the
Townsend, Carlson, Hajovsky & Bram families.

Donna & Speck Thornton - January 21, 2022 at 08:56 PM

GH

“ Grover And Val Hargrove lit a candle in
memory of Debra "Debbie" Townsend



Grover and Val Hargrove - January 21, 2022 at 08:52 PM

DL

“ Debbie Lounsbury lit a candle in memory of
Debra "Debbie" Townsend



Debbie Lounsbury - January 21, 2022 at 08:40 PM

LM

“ Our deepest condolences to all of the family.
We will keep you all in our thoughts and
prayers.



Linda and John Merck - January 21, 2022 at 08:30 PM

RT

“ Ricky and Betty McCormick - hugs & tears purchased the Rays of Light Spray for the family of Debra "Debbie" Townsend.



Ricky and Betty McCormick - hugs & tears - January 21, 2022
at 08:27 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Debra "Debbie" Townsend.



January 21, 2022 at 08:24 PM

CR

“ Cindy Riha lit a candle in memory of Debra "Debbie" Townsend



Cindy Riha - January 21, 2022 at 07:38 PM

DS

“ Ivan & family,
You are in our thoughts & prayers. Debbie was a very sweet lady. Cherish your memories forever. May you find peace somehow someday losing two of your loved ones. Heartbreaking. Know they are together & at peace. Much love & prayers are with you.

Glenn & Debbie Schneider

Debbie Schneider - January 21, 2022 at 07:33 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Debra "Debbie" Townsend.*



January 21, 2022 at 06:36 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Debra "Debbie" Townsend.*



January 21, 2022 at 06:23 PM



“ *She will be missed she was a sweet lady and my memories I have with her was at the Three Amigos gun range when we had our skeet shooting I did with the guys (my dad and Ivan and later with Tayna) she was there supporting us as we shoot. So much fun times! As well she worked at my school too. You will be missed Debbie along with Tana! Ivan and Tayna I'm so sorry for ya loss and I will be praying for ya! Love ya!*



Brandy Murphey Mann - January 21, 2022 at 06:07 PM

CW

“ Cynthia Williams lit a candle in memory of Debra "Debbie" Townsend



Cynthia Williams - January 21, 2022 at 05:52 PM

LC

“ The Holden family are praying for the Townsend, Carleston, Hajovsky, and the First Baptist Church family of Louise, Texas during this sad time. We all grieve because our love never stops though our loved ones go before us to be "face to face" with Jesus. It's been many years but we still care, and we are reminded the He "will never leave us nor forsake us; and to absent from this body is to be present with the Lord!" I praise Him for the hope that he gives us! God bless you and the communities that they served in.

Larry Holden, Chaplain - January 21, 2022 at 05:21 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Debra "Debbie" Townsend.



January 21, 2022 at 05:06 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Debra "Debbie" Townsend.



January 21, 2022 at 04:51 PM



“ Kathy Koudela lit a candle in memory of Debra "Debbie" Townsend



Kathy Koudela - January 21, 2022 at 04:28 PM



“ Tonia Pohlmeyer lit a candle in memory of Debra "Debbie" Townsend



Tonia Pohlmeyer - January 21, 2022 at 04:20 PM



“ Liz Staff lit a candle in memory of Debra "Debbie" Townsend



Liz Staff - January 21, 2022 at 04:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Debra "Debbie" Townsend.*



January 21, 2022 at 04:01 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your losses! I knew Debbie through the Santa Gertrudis Association and always highly respected her. She will be missed by many!*

Judy Cochran - January 21, 2022 at 03:53 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers to you all*



Scott, Kendra & Kambree Charbula - January 21, 2022 at 02:40 PM



*Mike and Marsha Parham
Our prayers are with you and your family.*

Mike Parham - January 21, 2022 at 03:04 PM



Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Harold & Susan Shafer - January 21, 2022 at 03:32 PM