



Dolores "Dee" Wilbeck

February 14, 1944 - April 29, 2026

Dolores "Dee" Wilbeck stepped on a rainbow at sunset April 29, 2026. She was 82 years old and a Valentine's Day baby born February 14, 1944. She was the oldest of four children born to William and Gladys Davis of Dallas, Texas.

A native of Cedar Hill, Dee was a student-athlete and Valedictorian of her high school class before graduating from North Texas University with a degree in Home Economics. Her teaching career eventually led her to El Campo, but it was a blind date at Texas A&M with the love of her life, Gary, that truly set her path. Married in 1966, the couple built a life rooted in faith and community. While Dee began as a teacher, her heart for service extended far beyond the classroom. She was a cornerstone of the First Presbyterian Church for nearly 60 years, serving as an Elder on the Session and rarely missing a Sunday in her usual second-row seat. She enjoyed volunteering to help others, particularly her three decades of service at the Gulf Coast Medical Center's Cancer Center, where she offered comfort and a friendly word to everyone she met.

Known affectionately as GranDee or MamaDee, she was a woman who loved BIG. Whether she was making a delicious Wacky cake, spending schedule-free days with family at the Bay at Port Alto, or spending hours at the grocery store because she simply had to visit with every neighbor she passed, Dee

made everyone feel seen. She was a master quilter and a devoted member of the El Campo Casual Quilters. A handmade quilt from Dee was a true badge of honor and a testament to her affection. Above all, she was her grandchildren's most vocal cheerleader. From Missouri to the Hill Country, she packed love into every visit, ensuring that whether she was playing a competitive game of Hand and Foot or cheering them on via a livestream, her family always knew they were the center of her world. Her legacy of fierce friendship and joyful devotion lives on in the many quilts she stitched and the countless lives she touched.

She is survived by her sons Scott Wilbeck and his wife Julie, Lee Wilbeck and his wife Melinda, her brother William Davis and wife Glenda, sister Sally Boshier and husband Ron, and sister-in-law Linda Herrington. She has 6 grandchildren: Sydney Wilbeck, Maddie Wilbeck, Madeline Parker, Joseph Parker and his wife Olivia, and Edward Parker, and one great-granddaughter, Gracecyn Hope Parker who GranDee spoiled rotten. She is preceded in death by her parents William "Bud" Davis Jr. and Gladys Davis, her husband Gary Wilbeck, brother Joe Davis, brother-in-law Alan Wilbeck, sister-in-law Sue Piaszik, and granddaughter Emma Parker.

Visitation with the family present will be held at Triska Funeral home on Friday, May 8th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Funeral services are Saturday, May 9th at 10am at the First Presbyterian Church of El Campo, followed by burial at Oaklawn Memorial Park.

To celebrate Dee's lifelong passion for quilting, the family invites those who own one of her handmade quilts to bring it to the service for a special display of her legacy.

Pallbearers will be Joe Parker, Eddie Parker, David Herrington, Brad Davis, Bubba Blair and Eldon Volk.

Memorial donations in memory of Dee Wilbeck may be made to First Presbyterian Church of El Campo, 312 Depot St., El Campo, TX 77437.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Memorial Park

4609 State Hwy 71
El Campo, TX 77437

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

MAY 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
312 Depot Street
El Campo, TX 77437

Tribute Wall

GM

“ *Ginger Mcmasters lit a candle in memory of Dolores "Dee" Wilbeck*



ginger mcmasters - May 11 at 05:49 PM

GM

Ms. Wilbeck was one of my high school teachers in Home economics. What are the most patient loving teachers for teaching such qualities as sewing and cooking and home management. She was always joyful and kind a very pleasant person that I enjoyed going to her class. May miss Wilbeck rest in peace. My condolences to her family and friends and students for surely she was unforgettable.

ginger mcmasters - May 11 at 05:51 PM

AS

“ *Amy and Richard Slagle purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dolores "Dee" Wilbeck.*



Amy and Richard Slagle - May 09 at 10:51 AM

AS

“ *Amy and Richard Slagle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dolores "Dee" Wilbeck.*

Amy and Richard Slagle - May 09 at 10:51 AM

LS

“ Love, Trelle and Ross Sanders purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Dolores "Dee" Wilbeck.



Love, Trelle and Ross Sanders - May 08 at 06:32 PM

LS

“ Love, Trelle and Ross Sanders planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dolores "Dee" Wilbeck.

Love, Trelle and Ross Sanders - May 08 at 06:32 PM

DC

“ Dolores was my neighbor growing up. We graduated together from Cedar Hill High School. We both went to North Texas and majored in Home Economics. We had a wreck on a motorcycle in her yard (we didn't get hurt bad). I spent a lot of time at her house. She was a kind loving person. I could not believe that she passed away on my 82nd. Birthday.
Donna Weimar Canfield

Donna Weimar Canfield - May 08 at 12:09 PM

TF

“ The Parker Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dolores "Dee" Wilbeck.



The Parker Family - May 06 at 08:42 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dolores "Dee" Wilbeck.*



May 06 at 03:15 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dolores "Dee" Wilbeck.

May 06 at 03:15 PM



“ *What a great lady and friend! Dee had many talents and I had the pleasure of attending quilt retreats at least once a year in Wimberley and occasionally down at the bay. It was a week of sewing, laughing, cooking and eating together! Dee made many beautiful quilts. Dee was so proud of her family. Her sons, Lee and Scott and their families brought her much joy! I had the pleasure of teaching Lee when he was in the 4th grade. Dee will be missed by many. Rest in peace dear friend.*

Kathleen Appling - May 06 at 01:16 AM



“ *The Frank Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dolores "Dee" Wilbeck.*



The Frank Family - May 05 at 02:09 PM

TF

“ The Frank Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dolores "Dee" Wilbeck.

The Frank Family - May 05 at 02:09 PM

DT

“ Dee had a hand in the development of my 3 boys through Presbyterian Preschool. She was a jewel! Deepest sympathy to her family as you grieve her loss.

Donna Thornton - May 05 at 12:51 PM

AM

“ My condolences to the family at this difficult time. What I remember about Dee is that she really liked cornbread. One Sunday, before our church fellowship meal, Dee came running up to me and asked, "Did you bring your Mama's cornbread?" I didn't know what to think as I hardly knew Dee at that time. She endeared herself to me at that moment and we shared many laughs in the days to come.



Andrea McCann - May 05 at 09:30 AM

PH

Awesome story/memory

Pam Holub - May 05 at 09:43 AM

MP

“ *In memory of my long time friend*



Michael Plentl - May 04 at 06:54 PM

RJ

“ *Ray And Linda Jaksch lit a candle in memory of Dolores "Dee" Wilbeck*



Ray and Linda Jaksch - May 04 at 04:46 PM

SR

“ *Lee and Scott -- I'm so sorry for your loss.*

Stephanie Rasmussen - May 04 at 02:24 PM

MK

“ *Murphy, Gretchen, Judy & Milton Klasing purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dolores "Dee" Wilbeck.*



Murphy, Gretchen, Judy & Milton Klasing - May 04 at 01:49 PM

SS

“ *Sandra Stary lit a candle in memory of Dolores "Dee" Wilbeck*



Sandra Stary - May 04 at 10:06 AM

RO

Our condolences to the families.A very sweet person.

rosedavila@outlook.com - May 04 at 01:48 PM