



Diane "Dedi" Ward

October 11, 1946 - January 12, 2015

Diane "Dedi" Soape Ward was born on October 11, 1946 to the late Abb and Opal Bonner Soape Jr. in Corsicana. Diane was saved when she was 13 years old at Memorial Baptist Church. She passed away on Monday, January 12, 2015 at Hillcrest Hospital in Waco with her family who have been at her side every day after a brief struggle with cancer. She was united in marriage to Sammy Joe Ward on June 12, 1970 at Memorial Baptist Church. They were married for 44 blissful years. Diane loved being a mother to her two children but her greatest joy in life was being a grandmother, better known as "Dedi" to her two grandchildren.

She loved reading books in her spare time and watching football on TV. She was a die heart University of Texas and Dallas Cowboy fan. She always told her children and grandchildren to fight for their dreams and never hold grudges. She worked at Medical Arts Clinic for several years and then at the OB/GYN Department at Navarro Regional Hospital for a total of 20 years.

Diane had an unwavering faith in God and for that she was at peace and had no fear of death. She was a member of the Hubbard Cowboy Church. Diane is survived by her husband Sammy Joe Ward of Corsicana; children, Kevin Ward of Corsicana and Kami Matthews and husband Kris of Dawson; grandchildren, Stormi and Jace Matthews of Dawson and a number of extended family members and friends. Diane was preceded in death by her

father Abb Soape Jr., mother Opal Soape Robertson and step father Harvey Robertson.

Visitation with Diane's family will be Friday evening from 6 - 8pm at Griffin - Roughton Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held at the Cowboy Church of Corsicana, 5864 West HWY 31 Corsicana, Texas 75110, on Saturday, January 17, 2015 at 2pm with Butch Boatright from the Hubbard Cowboy Church officiating. Burial will follow at Hamilton - Beeman Cemetery in Retreat. Pallbearers will be Kevin Ward, Kris Matthews, Dr. Neal Green, Billy Jack Crocker, Charlie Mathes, Wesley Blue, T.J. Boatright and Jeremy Wade. Honorary pallbearers will be Robert Hedrick, Brent Hedrick, Brett Bell, Robert Golhke, Ryan Blue, Eric Chapman, Joe Kittrell, Ty Cantu, Joe Herman and Lynn Winstead.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society - Navarro County Unit 1000 West 2ND Avenue Corsicana, Texas 75110 or American Diabetes Association 4100 Alpha Road Suite 100 Dallas, Texas 75244.

Cemetery Details

Hamilton - Beeman Cemetery

700 Farm to Market 2555
Corsicana, TX 75110

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana
1530 N. 45th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110
(903) 874-4774
info@griffin-roughton.com

Service

JAN 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

Cowboy Church of Corsicana
5864 W HWY 31
Corsicana, TX 75110

Tribute Wall



“ *Diane "Dedi" Ward*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Jennifer Fleeman lit a candle in memory of Diane "Dedi" Ward*



Jennifer Fleeman - January 17, 2015 at 03:06 PM



“ *My thoughts are with Diane's family today. She was an asset to our OB/GYN group and will surely be missed.*

Jayne Nichols

jayne nichols - January 17, 2015 at 09:38 AM



“ *Diane Fitzgerald Wing lit a candle in memory of Diane "Dedi" Ward*



Diane Fitzgerald Wing - January 17, 2015 at 12:59 AM



“ *May God bless you and keep you . Pat Ellis*

Pat Ellis - January 17, 2015 at 12:57 AM

PE

“ Pat Ellis lit a candle in memory of Diane
"Dedi" Ward



Pat Ellis - January 17, 2015 at 12:54 AM

DW

“ I enjoyed working with Diane at Medical Arts
Clinic. She was a hard worker and a great
person. It is never easy to say goodbye and
we understand this will be a day to day
adjustment for those closest to her. May God
hold them close in the days ahead. Diane has been healed and has
no pain or sorrow. What a blessing for her.



May God Bless and keep you all!

Gaylon & Donna Whittenburg

Donna Whittenburg - January 16, 2015 at 05:20 PM

DC

“ Debbie Chew lit a candle in memory of Diane
"Dedi" Ward



Debbie Chew - January 16, 2015 at 11:55 AM

ST

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Sam & Paulette Thompson

Sam & Paulette Thompson - January 16, 2015 at 10:03 AM

PW

“ Dear Kami, I am so sorry. Your Mom was a sweetheart. We had so much fun playing flute together in high school. I was so glad to get to see her again when I had you in my English class. You and your family are in my prayers. Patty Williams

Patty Williams - January 16, 2015 at 09:13 AM

JH

“ Sammy, my thoughts and prayers are with you and the Family. Diane was a Dear Friend and will be truly missed.

Juanita Hudgins - January 15, 2015 at 10:20 AM

DP

“ Diane was a one of a kind lady, I will never forget her. I continue to miss her. Kevin, Kami and family my prayers are with you. Stormi and Jace --Dedi will always watch over you .
Debbie Perry

Debbie Perry - January 15, 2015 at 08:41 AM

JR

“ May God bless your family. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

John Paul & Sherri Ross - January 14, 2015 at 07:07 PM

LM

“ kami I am so sorry to hear about your mom, my mother was in the hospital 2 weeks ago and I met with your dad while I was staying with her. We had breakfast and he told me about your mom I am so sorry.

linda morris - January 14, 2015 at 06:55 PM

JR

“ I am so sorry for your loss
Joyce Rash

joyce rash - January 14, 2015 at 06:17 PM

BF

“ Sammy so sorry to hear about Diane. You and your family are in our prayers

betty french - January 14, 2015 at 04:36 PM

VS

“ So stunned to hear of Diane's passing. I know she's in a better place, but we will miss her sweetness here. Precious lady who lived and left quite a legacy. She did her family proud.

Vicki Sims - January 14, 2015 at 03:15 PM

KD

“ Karley Davis lit a candle in memory of Diane
"Dedi" Ward



Karley Davis - January 14, 2015 at 12:54 PM

KB

“ Kelly Bell lit a candle in memory of Diane "Dedi" Ward



Kelly Bell - January 14, 2015 at 12:53 PM

PO

“ Pam O'Brien lit a candle in memory of Diane "Dedi" Ward



Pam O'Brien - January 14, 2015 at 12:02 PM

TA

“ Tami Andrews lit a candle in memory of Diane "Dedi" Ward



Tami Andrews - January 14, 2015 at 10:39 AM

RG

“ Always caught up with Diane about her family when I would go to Dr. Green's office. She was so proud of all of them. God bless you all. Praying for you.

Ronda Grant - January 14, 2015 at 08:41 AM



“ Toni Rhyne lit a candle in memory of Diane "Dedi" Ward



Toni Rhyne - January 14, 2015 at 01:41 AM



“ Sammy, Kevin, Kami, and the rest of Diane's family, so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. *Philippians 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ.*

Diane Wing - January 13, 2015 at 04:55 PM



“ Kathy Otto lit a candle in memory of Diane "Dedi" Ward



Kathy Otto - January 13, 2015 at 04:50 PM



“ Marsha Taylor lit a candle in memory of Diane "Dedi" Ward



Marsha Taylor - January 13, 2015 at 03:36 PM

DD

“ There are no words to say how sorry we are for your Loss. What a BEATIFUL Lady to all that met her. I know how proud she was of you all. I don't think I have ever met a stronger woman than she was, you could tell her Family came first. I told Sammy yesterday she just wanted to make sure you all were ok and taken care of. I bet she is Smiling down on ya'll right now saying That's My Precious Family :) God will get you through the days ahead and the Love of Family and Friends. If ya'll need anything I am a phone call away... Love ya'll, Brett, Diane and Family

Diane Douglas - January 13, 2015 at 10:38 AM

KY

“ Sammy, Kevin and Cami... So sorry for your loss. You are all in my prayers. Diane was a special lady and she will be deeply missed. God Bless you all.

Kathy Bowling York - January 13, 2015 at 09:01 AM

PF

“ To the family of Diane Ward, May you feel comfort from the love and support of family and friends. Diane was a wonderful person, she will be truly missed.



Pat Fowler - January 13, 2015 at 08:40 AM