



Deborah Liljequist Batson

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BATSON, DEBORAH (LILJEQUIST) Deborah Batson of Oklahoma City entered heaven to be with her Lord on Sunday, January 30, 2011. Born January 26, 1954, to Frances and Gunnar Liljequist in Houston, Texas, she was preceded in death by her father Gunnar and her husband Robert C. Batson. After graduating from the University of the Ozarks in Clarksville, Ark., she spent most of her adult life in Arkansas, Tennessee and Missouri, most recently settling in Oklahoma, where she was Associate State Director for The Nature Conservancy. Her personal life was filled with as much zeal as her career. Deborah's gifts were abundant and her talent immeasurable. From singing to songwriting, poetry and words of wisdom, to cooking, jewelry making, and gardening, no muse escaped her ability. Deborah is survived by her daughter, Lee Batson (Dallas, Texas), her mother, Frances (Ada, Okla.), her three younger siblings: brother, K.C. Liljequist, (Ada, Okla.) and sisters, Amy Ballard (Harrison, Ark.) and Jill Clemence (Cuba, Mo.). Services will be held at 2:00PM, Thursday, February 3, 2011 at Restland Memorial Chapel, 13005 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75243. Visitation will be from 6:00PM – 8:00PM, Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at Restland Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Crossings Community Church of Oklahoma City (www.crossingsokc.org/) or the American Stroke Association (<http://www.strokeassociation.org/STROKEORG/>).



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JC

Jill Clemence posted:

Deborah was the most wonderful person in the world. And she will be missed every single day of my life. We are lost without her. God without a doubt has placed the most beautiful set of wings upon her. I love you.

March 10 at 11:11 AM

GH

Garry & Pam Hendrix posted:

I didn't get the chance to meet Deborah but had the Honor and Privilege to work with her Brother – K.C. I know he hurts with the loss of his Sister. She is watching over Him/Lee & the family. My Love to you Brother – You a True Friend!! Garry

February 5 at 7:01 AM

GL

Gayla Lynch posted:

Amy and family – Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God's love strengthen you and help you cherish your memories as you go through this time.

February 4 at 2:58 PM

KC

K.C. posted:

I know you are busy exploring the Heavens. I feel so sorry for all the people on earth that didn't ever know you. How I cherish the memory bank I have of you. Love Bro!

February 3 at 1:05 PM

GR

Garner Rice posted:

Our prayers are with you

February 3 at 10:12 AM

DI

Didi posted:

Deborah's "celebration of life" slideshow, which will be shown during her service tomorrow, can be seen on youtube now (click link below or copy and paste it into your address bar)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8bzjCeg43d8>

February 3 at 8:07 AM



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FW

Freddy Ward posted:

I worked with Deborah in Harrison, AR at American Freightways. She always had a smile for me and I enjoyed teasing her. A special lady who has gone home to be with our Lord. She will be missed.

February 3 at 4:13 AM

OR

Olga Rodriquez posted:

I briefly met Deborah in Dallas when she came to care for Lee's injured hand. It was evident that she was a wonderful mother and a very delightful person. I will forever be grateful that I had the opportunity to meet her. God Bless you.

February 2 at 4:05 PM

JR

Joan Rice posted:

We took two memorable trips with Deborah, one to the Tall Grass Prairie in Oklahoma and another to the Clinton Library in Little Rock, with Lee and her mother Frances. She was a delight to be with and her cooking at the TGP was marvelous.

February 2 at 11:12 AM

KF

Kelly Fillingim posted:

On that day when I see All that You have for me When I see You face to face There surrounded by Your grace All my fears swept away In the light of Your embrace Where Your love is all I need And forever I am free Where the streets are made of gold In Your presence healed and whole Let the songs of heaven Rise to You alone No weeping no hurt or pain No suffering You hold me now You hold me now No darkness no sick or lame No hiding You hold me now You hold me now In this life I will stand Through my joy and my pain Knowing there's a greater day There's a hope that never fails Where Your Name is lifted high And forever praises rise For the glory of Your Name I'm believing for the day Where the wars and violence cease All creation lives in peace Let the songs of heaven Rise to You alone For eternity All my heart will give All the glory to Your Name -You Hold Me Now by Hillsong While we mourn the much too early death of Deborah Batson, we also celebrate her life and the amazing mother, relative and friend that she was to so many. Thankful that she knows Jesus Christ as her Savior and has met Him face to face. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing." 2 Timothy 4:7-8 Love you Lee!

February 2 at 10:07 AM



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MB

Mary Batson posted:

Women on the edge... in honor of another peaceful warrior. January 1, 2009

February 2 at 5:32 AM

MB

Mary C Batson September 5 at 3:56 AM

Thinking of you today, Aunt Debbie, and sending love. Just so much love.

MB

Mary Batson posted:

Happy Memories.... Xmas 2007 in Baltimore with family and new friends...

February 2 at 5:17 AM

MB

Mary Batson posted:

"Look to this day, for it is life, the very life of lifes. In its brief course lie all the verities and realities of your existence: the bliss of growth, the glory of action, the splendor of beauty. For yesterday is but a dream and tomorrow is only a vision; But today lived well makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope. Look well, therefore, to this day. Such is the salutation to the dawn." Thank you, Deborah, for showing us a glowing example of this passage. Peace, Mary

February 2 at 5:11 AM

AM

Art Mazerole Jr posted:

May the Lord Jesus Christ be with you in this difficult time and help you heal. Usually our earthly minds do not allow us to see why things have happened but soon you will be blessed with what GOD is doing with Deborah's life..My family has been praying for you and we will continue. Be Blessed in Christ Jesus. The Mazerole Family

February 2 at 4:18 AM

LW

Lauren Waters posted:

i love u you aunt debbie you will truly be missed you changed my life and out look in many different ways! you were truly the best! i know you will be watching out for me

February 1 at 5:00 PM



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RH

Randy Hart posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this trying time. God Bless you all. Randy

February 1 at 3:58 PM

AN

Amit Nihalani posted:

Psalm 84:10 A single day in your courts is better than a thousand anywhere else! I would rather be a gatekeeper in the house of my God than live the good life in the homes of the wicked. Praying that the Lord would comfort the whole family and give you all strength. Grateful that Deborah gets to spend eternity with our Savior.

February 1 at 2:51 PM

PS

Pj Sullivan posted:

Amy and Family: My hope for you is that grief move through you gently. Deborah's spirit is free..she now knows what it is like to ride the wind..or a raindrop across the sky.... Blessings...Pj

February 1 at 2:44 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Deborah by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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