

Craddock, Sue Ann (McDaniel) | 1945-2017

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Sue Craddock

Sue Ann Craddock, 72, died Monday, Sept. 4, 2017, in Decatur due to complications following lung cancer. Service was Sept. 11 at Paradise United Methodist Church in Paradise. Graveside service is 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, in Andrews.

Jones Family Funeral Home in Bridgeport is handling arrangements.

Sue Ann was born May 23, 1945, in Vincennes, Ind., to Graydon and Mary Jo (Sturgeon) McDaniel. She married Bill Craddock in 1975. The Craddocks lived in Anthony, N.M., Las Cruces, N.M., Enid, Okla., Garber, Okla., Mutual, Okla., Newcastle, Okla., Cypress, and Deming, N.M.

Sue Ann was always a rancher's wife, while at the same time pursuing a career as an oil and gas executive. She entered into the oil and gas industry at El Paso Natural Gas in 1965 as a legal secretary and rose to the executive ranks by demonstrating her exacting perfection and attention to detail.

Her hard work was rewarded by success in the industry where she was highly recognized, ultimately culminating in the operation of Chisos Oil and Gas Inc. in Deming. She ran Chisos, achieving success year after year, working tirelessly and passionately until her death.

Sue Ann was a quietly generous woman, whose philanthropy reached throughout New Mexico, Texas and beyond. She was a loving wife, nurturing mother and outstanding cook, preparing pounds of beans for ranch hands and family members for years, each pot stirred with love.

Sue Ann was preceded in death by her husband.

She is survived by sons David Craddock and wife, Michele, of Keller, Jay Craddock and wife, Patricia, of Bridgeport and Manuel Sandoval and wife, Charlotte, of Deming, N.M.; brother Bob McDaniel and wife, Vickie, of Princeton, Ind.; and grandchildren Amy McCauslin and husband, Mitch, Troy Craddock, Jamie Craddock, Cassady Craddock, Camryn Craddock, Travis Young, Cate Young and Aubree Sandoval; and her beloved, Alicia.

Memorial donations may be made to Cowboy's For Cancer Research, P.O. Box 202, Dona Ana, NM, 88032.