



Greiner, Deborah

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Funeral services for Deborah Greiner, 48, of Cottondale, is 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7 at First Baptist Church of Cottondale, officiated by Pastor Charles Pugh. Deborah passed away Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2019, at home.

Deborah was born May 15, 1971, in Dallas to Sherryn Smith and Larry James Rayford.

She devoted much of her adult life to raising her children and keeping up their family home. She worked for several years at the Hampton Inn in Decatur. This allowed her to do what she did best, bring smiles and joy to people she didn't even know. There were other jobs she took to help support her family, but one that was very impactful for her was her

work as a CNA for elderly people. She loved talking with them and making them feel better through her wit and incredible way with words.

Deborah was a friend to everyone she met. In high school, she was known for making everyone around her erupt into laughter. She loved to make friends and family smile. She was kind to people no matter who they were and regardless whether she had met them before.

She really excelled in the kitchen. She would spend hours crafting meals for her family, and it brought her lots of joy. Her cooking truly made holidays and gatherings something to remember for the entire family. She would spend hours cooking while her children sat and talked with her. She'd make them laugh the entire time.

Deborah was very set in her ways, but as she would point out that's only because she was usually right. She loved her family and children more than anything else on Earth. She was supportive, caring and warm to all who knew her.

Deborah was preceded in death by her father, William Larry Smith; and niece Kelci Muller.

She is survived by her mother, Sherryn Smith of Paradise; husband of 23 years, John-Paul Greiner of Keller; son Zachary Greiner and fianc Juan Rogel of Fort Worth; daughter Abigail Greiner of Fort Worth; brothers DeWayne Rayford and wife, Kari, of Livermore, Calif., Michael Rayford and fianc e, Angela Winter, of Runaway Bay and Scott Smith of Austin; nephews Justin Wood, Jacob Wood and Austin Rayford; and niece Rachael Rayford.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Baptist Church of Cottondale, 145 County Road 3355, Paradise, TX 76073.

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