

Dulaney-Hicks, Kelly Ann

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Kelly Ann Dulaney-Hicks

Kelly Ann Dulaney-Hicks of Decatur went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Saturday, Feb. 20, 2021.

Kelly was born Aug. 30, 1961, in Waukon, Iowa, to Michael Patrick and Phyllis Ann Dulaney. Kelly graduated from Minnesota's Pipestone High School in 1979. She then moved to Kansas City where she began school to become a registered nurse. She eventually moved to North Texas and graduated from NCTC nursing program in 1992. During this time, she met and married the love of her life, Kirby Hicks. They celebrated their 29th anniversary Sept. 28. Kelly gave her life to the Lord and accepted Jesus into her heart in 1988. She was blessed with two children, Tucker Hicks and Allie Rose Hicks, as well as her stepdaughter, Jillian Vestal.

Kelly was preceded in death by her father, Mike Dulaney and brother-in-law Dave Johnson. Those left behind to cherish her memory are her husband, Kirby; son Tucker Hicks and wife, Candace; daughters Allie Rose Hicks and Jillian and husband,

Jon Vestal; her mother, Phyllis Dulaney; brothers Mick Dulaney and wife, Julie and Mark Dulaney and wife, Diane; sisters Dar Dulaney and Diane Johnson; and 14 nieces and nephews.

Kelly worked as a registered nurse for nearly 30 years in many different settings and capacities. She was loved among coworkers and patients alike. She was a caregiver and nurturer by nature, and it was evident in her care and love toward others.

Kelly loved the outdoors. As a Master Gardener, she was blessed with a green thumb, which was obvious to anyone who pulled into the driveway. She was also a gifted cook and enjoyed making meals for her family and others throughout the years, hosting Thanksgivings and Christmases most years. She loved music and doing puzzles but kept busy mostly in her flower beds or playing with her dogs whom she loved dearly.

Above all else, Kelly loved her family and friends. She was blessed with a close knit family, and she cared for them deeply. She was an expectant first-time grandmother to Tucker and Candace's first child in May, and her legacy and memory will be passed on to her granddaughter, as well as future grandchildren to come. She would have been most proud of her grandchildren.

Kelly will be dearly missed, but her vibrant, caring, loving personality will live on in our precious memories of her.

A visitation and memorial service will be held Friday, Feb. 26, at Ponder First Baptist Church, 101 S, TX-156, Ponder. The visitation will begin at 1 p.m., and the memorial service starts at 2 p.m.

If you wish to send flowers, please send them to Ponder Baptist Church.

