



Interment

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Acknowledgment

The family expresses sincere thanks for your generous outpouring of love and kindness. The blessings of your prayers, verbal and written expressions, support, as well as other thoughtful gestures, have allowed us to carry on. They will be a source of comfort for the days that lie ahead. May God bless each and every one of you is our prayer.

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*In
Loving
Memory
of*

Debra K. Buckner Ivory

Sunrise

June 23, 1958

Sunset

December 13, 2020

Graveside Service

Monday, December 21, 2020 - 11:00 a.m.

Trice Hill Cemetery

*5101 North Coltrane Road
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73136*

Pastor Juan S. Price - Officiating

Obituary

"Without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to GOD must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him." Hebrews 11:6

Debra K. Buckner Ivory was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on June 23, 1958 to Roscoe Buckner Sr. and Bernice Buckner, who were two dedicated parents with strong Christian values. This union produced 7 children, 5 girls and 2 boys with Debra being the baby of the family.

Debra accepted Christ at an early age and started her Christian journey at Nealy's Temple and The Powerhouse Church in Oklahoma City for many years. Debra's education entailed Woodson Elementary, Hoover Middle School with graduation from NW Classen High School in 1976.

Debra began her career by working for Coit's Restaurant while attending high school and continued her strong work ethics by working for the Local Federal Bank and The OU School of Dentistry with a combined total of more than 25 years. Debra learned through both parents that her continuous commitment, dedication, integrity and her strong faith in "GOD" that she would be rewarded with the opportunity to fulfill her dream one day of owning her own restaurant.

Debra met James Dudley and through their union a son was born, Stephen Michael Frank.

Debra extensively did her research in finding out the basics of starting a business and her hard work paid off with the Grand Opening of her own restaurant in 2012, George's Happy Hog BBQ. Through lots of prayers, fundraising and encouragement from family members, friends and church members and her generated expertise of being able to produce tasty meals, excellent recipes and having a mother who was a "natural born cook", her new beginning as a restaurant owner paid off generously. Debra knew that her years of hard work, core values and professionalism would add to her adventure of allowing her to understand that starting a business would be a turning point in her life in being able to experiment with all those wonderful recipes that had been passed down from her mother and her knowledge of knowing what to do and what it takes to run a business and be successful. Debra's radiant smile, energy to learn and impeccable personality allowed her to enjoy an infinite stream of faithful customers who knew that when they walked through the doors of George's Happy Hog BBQ and looked at the menu that this was going to be good ole' wholesome food that stirs your soul.

Debra's mannerism was priceless and throughout her life, she was a respected humanitarian in the community who loved making people happy. She never turned anyone away. She gave back in so many ways and contributed by helping the homeless and providing for those who needed a hot meal and could not afford it. George's Happy Hog BBQ hosted many events and just made everyone who knew her come in to just talk and give her a hug. There are countless smiles and memories on the walls of George's Happy Hog BBQ that lets everyone who visit know that they are welcomed. Although Debra cannot be replaced, her business will continue to thrive and her legacy will live on through her staff who learned from her.

Debra was able to enjoy many trips in her lifetime, including her first trip to Las Vegas in 2018, opening up the idea of possibly expanding her restaurant in another state. Debra was lively, energetic and had a contagious million dollar smile which brought many customers and fans to her restaurant from all over the globe.

Debra is preceded in death by her mother and father, sister, Joyce Buckner, brother, Carl W. Buckner. She leaves to mourn her death; son, Stephen Michael Frank Ivory of Oklahoma City, 3 sisters, Alice (Bob) Hillmon, Joann Buckner and Tanya Wisby, 1 brother, Roscoe Buckner Jr. and also a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and customers.

Order of Service

Pastor Juan S. Price - Power House Church - Officiating

Scripture Reading

Prayer

Song

Special Remarks Fritzienne Lothlen (Longtime friend)

Remarks/Words of Comfort Pastor Price

Committal

Closing Prayer