



Debra Sue Deaton

February 14, 1955 - December 8, 2014

DEATON, Debra Sue

Debra Sue Deaton was born into a ranching family on Valentine's Day, 1955 and passed away on December 8, 2014 in Austin, TX. She graduated from Ozona High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Tarleton State University.

Debbie was a dedicated 8th grade science teacher with a career that spanned 29 years, mostly in the Round Rock School District. After her retirement, she guided other teachers as an Instructional Coach. In the middle of her career she took a short break from public teaching to work with developmentally disabled young adults in Denton.

An athlete most of her life, Debbie was a lifeguard, coached basketball and tennis, and participated in dozens of Austin 5K runs. She loved going to the Spurs games and remained a sports fan. In addition to numerous ski trips that included Whistler/Blackcomb in British Columbia, she visited Hawaii, Aruba and took an Alaskan Cruise with longtime friends. She was also a generous aunt, taking nieces and nephews on outings and never missed an event in their lives.

Debbie was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Louise Drake Deaton and her father Marshall Taylor Deaton. She is survived by her sister, Diana Deaton and her brother and his wife, Fred and Mary Anne Deaton. Her nieces and nephews are Taylor (Ty) Ninness, Jessica and William Truitt, Jana and Jarad Smith, Kristen and Spencer Han, Kayla and Travis Davidson and 8 grand-nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank all her friends for all the support and visits throughout her long battle with cancer. As you know, Debbie loved her dogs and enjoyed the pet therapy visits. In lieu of flowers, a memorial in her name to Therapy Pet Pals of Texas, Inc. (www.therapypetpals.org) would be appreciated.