



## Denise Lea Bemo

March 21, 1961 - August 14, 2022

Denise Lea McConnell Bemo

August 14th, 2022, God called home the heart and soul of our family. After a hard-fought illness Denise gained her wings and was welcomed into Heaven's gates, no doubt hearing "well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Born March 21st, 1961, in Tahlequah, OK to Wanda (Thomas) & Rev Mike McConnell. Denise was the baby of 5 children and rounded out their family perfectly. Denise was educated in the Vian school system until her Senior year. On August 18th, 1978, after promising her dad to finish High School; Denise wed the love of her life, Jeff Bemo. The following May, as promised, Denise graduated from Oktaha High School with the class of 1979.

To this Union, Jeff and Denise raised two children, Alan and Jennifer. Denise was ever the home room mom, carpool mom, snack maker, game creator, picture taker, and clothes repairer. Her Children were her life and it showed. As the children grew older Denise went to work outside the home at Cimco Properties for 16 years as their Property Manager until January 2006.

This was when Denise took on her greatest roll yet, work at home nanny! Just as she had with her children, Denise jumped in with everything she had with the grandchildren "her babies" as she called them. According to Denise, they never did wrong, she would haul them anywhere, have a cold drink waiting for them in the school pickup line or for Halle a hot chicken leg and never failed to teach them tons of useful quotes and stories. Ice cream at any time was always an option. They could come to their nanny with anything, know it was

confidential, and know she had her entire heart in her advice for them. From potty training to Drivers Ed on the driveway she devoted all she had to her babies.

A true Proverbs 31 woman of faith, Denise came to know the Lord at a young age. No better fitting a scripture for her than Proverbs 31:31, "Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her work bring her praise at the city gate."

A member of Oldham Memorial Baptist Church at the time of her passing, she was an active member until her illness kept her from doing all she wanted. Denise was a Sunday school teacher and loved her kids like her own, learning everything about their home lives while feeding their spiritual needs. For years Denise helped with the churches backpack program, a program that delivers easy to open, ready to eat food for children that may not have meals over weekends or holiday breaks from school. This was so near and dear to her heart. Many VBS children saw her handiwork in the sanctuary throughout the years welcoming them to a fun-filled week of activities getting to learn about Christ Jesus.

Denise was a thrifter, a Wall's shopper and a TJ Maxx fanatic. She and her bff Steph never met a garage sale, estate sale or craft project they didn't like. She may not have found something she needed at every sale, but she found something someone needed at every sale. A quick text and maybe a picture to follow and she would have you a treasure picked up and headed home. Always one to stay busy, Denise had her craft room and loved to spend time scrapbooking, sewing, painting, or sitting down to write out a card to someone just to let them know she was thinking of them. Those cards always came at the perfect time.

Holidays and family gatherings were when Denise would really shine. She was the keeper of recipes and family traditions. Her no bake cookies, rocky road and poor man's turtles were devoured every time they were put on display. Every Christmas morning after her monkey bread, there was new game to play with just the perfect prize for each and every player.

Preceding Denise in death were her parents, Rev Mike and Wanda

McConnell, whom Denise cared for during their illnesses. Every doctors appointment, lab, scan, and x ray, she was there for them as support and driving them. Also, preceding Denise, her beloved father-in-law Don Bemo. Those left to celebrate her memory, her loving husband of 44 years, Jeff Bemo, of the home; her son, Alan Bemo (Brandy) of Muskogee; her daughter, Jennifer Bemo (Monty Taylor) of Sand Springs; her mother-in-law, Faye Bemo of Muskogee; sister, Susan McConnell of Evening Shade Community; brothers, Steve McConnell (Karen) of Ponca City, Nelson McConnell (Jackie) of Ponca City, and Leslie McConnell (Debbie) of Evening Shade Community; her sister-in-law, Pam Reganall (Jeff) of Muskogee; Denise's best friend, Stephanie Schlup; and dear friend, Linda Poole; her grandchildren, her babies, cherishing their memories with their nanny, Bailey Kate Treadwell (Travis) of Sapulpa, Halle Grace Bemo and Fisher Glenn Bemo of Muskogee, Piper Taylor, Shelby Taylor, Denver Taylor, Kennedy Hull and Natalie Hull all of Sand Springs; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and friends. Last but not least, her million-dollar dog, Meatball.

The family would like to extend our most sincere gratitude to Good Shepherd Hospice for the loving care they took of Denise.

A celebration of Denise's life will be 1:30PM, Thursday, August 18th, 2022 at Oldham Memorial Baptist Church with Brother Glen Little officiating. Interment will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery with Jeff Bemo, Jeff Walker, Jeremy McConnell, TW Horton, Steven Reganall, and Monty Taylor all serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Mike Smithson, Wes Young, Jeff Reganall, Virgil Medley, and Keith Wallace.

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

7600 Old Taft Rd.  
Muskogee, OK 74401

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 17. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory  
1830 North York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403  
(918) 682-1500

## Family to greet friends

AUG 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory  
1830 North York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403  
(918) 682-1500

## Service

AUG 18. 1:30 PM (CT)

Oldham Memorial Baptist Church  
3605 Tahlequah Street  
Muskogee, OK 74401



# Tribute Wall



“ *Denise Lea Bemo*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Krista Horton lit a candle in memory of Denise Lea Bemo*



**Krista Horton** - August 17, 2022 at 10:17 PM



“ *Brayleigh Horton Horton lit a candle in memory of Denise Lea Bemo*



**Brayleigh Horton Horton** - August 17, 2022 at 09:17 PM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Denise Lea Bemo.*



August 17, 2022 at 11:45 AM

RF

“ Rick & Linda Poole and the Groth Family purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Denise Lea Bemo.



Rick & Linda Poole and the Groth Family - August 17, 2022 at 11:35 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Denise Lea Bemo.



August 17, 2022 at 10:16 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Denise Lea Bemo.



August 17, 2022 at 09:22 AM



“ Denise rest in peace you will be missed love you Bill& Doris Turner

Bill Turner - August 17, 2022 at 08:36 AM



“ Cheryl Moses sent a virtual gift in memory of Denise Lea Bemo



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**Cheryl Moses** - August 17, 2022 at 12:51 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Denise Lea Bemo.



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August 17, 2022 at 12:18 AM

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“Denise was a major part of my childhood. If I wasn't at my house, I was at hers. I remember watching the movie *Beaches*, *Steel Magnolias*, and *Dirty Dancing* on repeat. On Saturdays, she'd hand me and Jennifer a dust rag and turn Michael Bolton up as loud as it would go and we'd all clean the house. The Halloween spook trails that we'd all put together for our church were so good that the general public wanted to come! Man, that was a blast!

*I'll never forget her gushing over Neil Diamond (he was her crush) and one time I asked her "would you choose Neil Diamond over Jeff?" and of course she said "no way! Jeff is my honey!"*

*From my house, I could hear her laughing from across the field. I last heard that laugh about a year or so ago as I was sitting out in my front yard and I just smiled so big.*

*I don't know a single soul that didn't love her. We should all strive to be like her, loving in every way and only responding if you have something kind to say. We all have a lot to learn from her.*

*Very few people will leave their mark like Denise has. To know her was to be blessed. I cannot wait to see her again.*

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**Amanda Rains** - August 16, 2022 at 09:04 PM

CO

*Precious Memories*

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**Cindy Okeefe** - August 17, 2022 at 01:50 AM

PA

“ Pamreganall lit a candle in memory of Denise Lea Bemo



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pamreganall - August 16, 2022 at 08:33 PM

RC

“ I went to church with Denise at Trinity Freewill and remember getting her as my secret sister for the year. It was such a joy , she always had a smile and warmth about her. Beautiful lady...

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Robbye Cox - August 16, 2022 at 06:26 PM

PA

“ I don't even know where to start...I loved you as the sister I never had. We have been through so many things over the past 44 years. From all our gatherings, raising our children to even the time you said you would never go with me to return anything to a store. Lol I miss and love you so much! I promised you I would take care of Jeff and I will! You were such a godly woman and you taught me so much, hopefully I will make you proud! I love you.

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pamreganall - August 16, 2022 at 06:17 PM

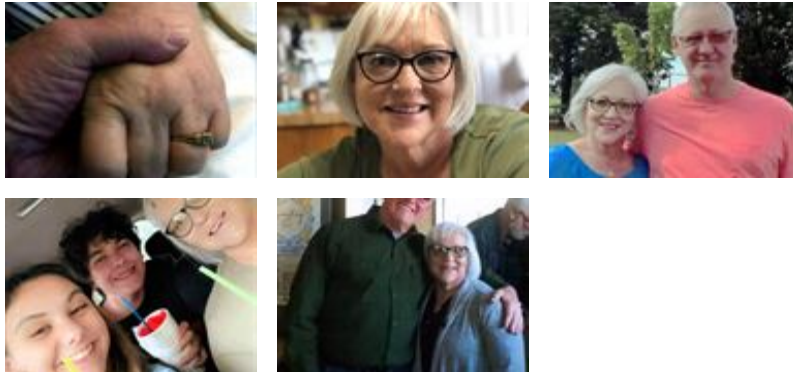
FB

“ Denise was a wonderful Christian lady and it showed every day. I loved her so much, my heart aches because I want hear her call me, momma Faye, for the rest of my life but I will meet her again in heaven. Prayers please for Jeff and the rest of her family. Denise and Jeff raised 2 wonderful children. I know they loved their mom very much. I pray that our dear Lord will hold them close and give comfort to Jeff. We all were blessed having her as a member of our family. Thank you Dear Lord for letting us keep her for the time she spent with us here on earth. I know that Pam thought as Denise as her sister. We all loved her so much! Our family has lost a great treasure named Denise. Dear Lord help us all.

Faye Bemo - August 16, 2022 at 05:22 PM



“ 94 files added to the album Life Tributes



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - August 16, 2022 at 04:32 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Denise Lea Bemo.



August 16, 2022 at 09:39 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Denise Lea Bemo.*



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August 16, 2022 at 08:09 AM



“ *She'll be missed, my sweet dear first cousin. Thank you for being a sweet loving and supportive cousin.*



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**Abraham Locust** - August 15, 2022 at 11:32 PM



“ *You have been such a wonderful part of many people since I met you . Such a wonderful Sunday School teacher , VBS teacher, decorator , friend , cook , mentor , .... . We love you and you will always be a part of our hearts . Love and will miss you so*

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**Cindy Okeefe** - August 15, 2022 at 10:53 PM



“ *Wonderful sweet Christian lady*



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**vickie albin** - August 15, 2022 at 07:03 PM

JR

“ *Jeff Reganall lit a candle in memory of Denise  
Lea Bemo*



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**Jeff Reganall** - August 15, 2022 at 06:51 PM