



Bonita Denise McKee

June 3, 1956 - April 28, 2026

Bonita Denise (Gilbert) McKee, 69, was born on June 3, 1956, in Loveland, Texas, to W.A. Gilbert and Della Waunice (Primrose) Gilbert. She passed from this life on April 28, 2026, in Katie, Oklahoma.

Denise graduated from Elmore City High School in 1974 and went on to attend college in South Carolina. She married the love of her life, Derrel McKee, on September 10, 1982, in Satterwhite, Oklahoma. Together they built a life rooted in love, commitment, and shared experiences, including time spent in Italy while Derrel served in the military.

She began her career as a telemarketer before moving into her role with the Department of Defense in Italy. Denise found joy in life's simple pleasures. She loved watching westerns, listening to the radio, and reading novels by her favorite authors, James Patterson, and Janet Evanovich. She had a deep appreciation for flowers and especially enjoyed watching hummingbirds, often calling her father to share her excitement when she spotted one.

Denise had a special place in her heart for animals, including her beloved dogs, Smoky, Pepee, and Charger, and her cat, Tigger. She was also known for her cooking, especially her delicious Mexican casserole and banana pudding, which will be fondly remembered by those who knew her. She lived by the value of keeping your word and passed that lesson on to others throughout her life.

Denise is survived by her son, Brian Hayes and wife Georgia of Elmore City, Oklahoma; Daughter, Kari Wilson and husband Ron of Elmore City,

Oklahoma; Brothers, Brent Gilbert of Atoka, Oklahoma, Shannon Gilbert and wife Molly of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, Joe Gilbert of Elmore City, Oklahoma, Sterling Gilbert of Elmore City, Oklahoma; Granddaughter, Sarah Lambert and husband Jeffrey of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma; Great-grandchildren, Elisabeth and Samuel Lambert; and a host of other family and friends.

Denise was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Derrell McKee; Parents, W.A. Gilbert and Della Waunice (Primrose) Gilbert; Daughter, Lisa Jackson and husband Billy Jackson; and grandson, Jordan Jackson.

Graveside services for Denise will be on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 1:00 P.M. at Katie Cemetery in Katie, Oklahoma with Pastor Richard Newton officiating.

Visitation for Denise will be on Monday, May 4, 2026 from 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Previous Events

Public Visitation

MAY 4. 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home and Cremation Services (Elmore City)

105 S. Main

Elmore City, OK 73433

(405) 238-7574

woosterfuneralhome@sbcglobal.net

Graveside Service

MAY 5. 1:00 PM (CT)

Katie Cemetery

4-way stop in Katie; behind the old school house

Katie, Ok

Tribute Wall

LR

“ *Lorrie Ray lit a candle in memory of Bonita Mckee*



Lorrie Ray - May 08 at 04:29 PM



“ *Sorry to hear about Denise's passing. Sending prayers for the family and friends.*



Linda Williams - May 07 at 10:18 PM

PS

“ *pat shreve lit a candle in memory of Bonita Mckee*



pat shreve - May 06 at 12:38 PM

SJ

“ *Stacey Johnson lit a candle in memory of Bonita Mckee*



Stacey Johnson - May 06 at 09:21 AM

LH

“ My dear old friend ❤️ I miss you and I think of you! God bless you and your sweet soul 🙏
Love,
Linda Hammons-Trujillo



Linda Hammons-Trujillo - May 05 at 08:11 PM

LI

“ Brian, im so sorry for your loss! May God be with you and your family through this difficult time

Libby - May 02 at 02:21 PM

BH

Thank you so much Libby

Brian Hayes - May 05 at 11:48 PM

BC

“ Betty Chambless lit a candle in memory of Bonita Mckee



Betty Chambless - May 02 at 12:12 PM

SL

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Sarah Lambert - May 01 at 12:35 PM

SL

“ I love you, mimi. Rest in peace. And don't forget, sodas and tea at the store ❤️❤️

Sarah Lambert - May 01 at 12:34 PM