



## Deborah "Debbie" Rogers O'Neal

September 27, 1958 - January 21, 2023

Deborah (Debbie) Rogers O'Neal, 64, of Braden Tennessee, passed away at Methodist Germantown Hospital, Saturday, January 21, 2023, with her husband and two daughters by her side. Debbie was born in Paducah, Kentucky on September 27, 1958, to Ovid and Ruby Rogers of Dresden, Tennessee.

Debbie held several clerical and bookkeeping jobs throughout her life, but she would be the first to tell you that her career was Mom and later Grandma. Her grandchildren referred to her as "Meekah;" which unbeknownst to them means "beautiful, intelligent, gift from God." Such a name was ever so fitting.

Debbie was a naturally artistic and imaginative person. Though her projects left everyone around her in awe, she was always her toughest critic. Anything from designing logos, letterheads, and compositions, to creating the most original and inventive Halloween costumes for her children and grandchildren; everything was completed with the finest attention to detail.

Her creativity could also be found in the kitchen, where she could piece together the most delicious meals with ease. Debbie was a natural cook and created her meals from memory, refined skill, and pure intuition; she never needed a recipe to create food her family would utterly enjoy.

Debbie was an avid animal lover, especially dogs. Throughout her years, she loved and treated all her dogs like family, and she loved her family with all her heart.

Those who truly knew Debbie would tell you she felt at home in the water and, as such, was a self-proclaimed “water bug.” During the warmer months you could always find her either on a boat relaxing, cruising a jet ski, or floating on a raft enjoying the sun. Debbie always looked forward to spending time at the lake with her family during July 4th, Memorial Day, and Labor Day weekends; some of her favorite holidays.

Debbie was preceded in death by her father, Ovid T. Rogers. She leaves behind her husband of 42 years Stephen L. O’Neal of Braden, Tennessee; her mother Ruby L. Rogers of Dresden, Tennessee; two daughters Leslie (Steven) Hathcock of Munford, Tennessee, and Stephanie (Josh) Wilbanks of Williston, Tennessee; and two cherished granddaughters Shelby Laine Hathcock and Avery James “AJ” Wilbanks.

No formal services will be held but her family will open their home for a casual and relaxed gathering on Saturday February 4th, 2023. They invite friends and family to stop by anytime between 11:00AM and 4:00PM to offer their condolences, share stories, and celebrate her life.