



## Delsa Teresa Davis

January 19, 1953 - April 19, 2024

Delsa Teresa Davis passed away on April 19, 2024, age 71, at Baptist East Memorial Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee, attended by her niece Sarah Smith, following an arduous 8 month battle with Lymphoma.

Born January 19, 1953, in Nashville, Tennessee, Delsa was the second of three children born to Mary Estaleen (Eaves) Davis and Millard Ciscero Davis.

Delsa graduated from Madison High School, Madison, Tennessee in 1971, from Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, in 1975, and from University of Tennessee Memphis School of Nursing in 1983. Soon after BYU graduation, she procured a job as a Social Worker in Memphis. After several years in this profession, she decided Social Work was not the long term career for her. She began taking classes at UT Memphis and upon graduation in 1983, she began her new career as a Registered Nurse at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital, where she lovingly cared for countless children ages 0 to 18 for 37 years, retiring in 2021.

Delsa was involved in much in addition to her career. In the 1980's she purchased a home in Cordova, Tennessee, and began transforming it into her own creation, both inside and out, doing much of the work herself. Other hobbies through the years included membership in the Memphis Iris Society, perhaps that was the onset of her passion for gardening. She also enjoyed

reading all types of books, cooking elaborate recipes, and needlework for some years. Delsa was a conservative, followed politics closely, Ronald Reagan being her favorite president. Delsa was an avid BYU football and basketball fan. She also served faithfully in multiple capacities in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. These included several years as pianist for the church's Primary (the children's organization), and several years as a counselor in the presidency of the Relief Society, (the women's organization). She enjoyed traveling and had planned to do more of that upon retirement.

Preceding Delsa in death are her mother, Mary Estaleen (Eaves) Davis (1999), her father, Millard Ciscero Davis (2010), and her brother, Troy Wade Davis (2023). She is survived by her sister, Denise (Davis) Smith, brother-in-law Tommi Smith, sister-in-law Joyce (Vosika) Davis, nieces Nicole (Davis) Hight (Billy), Sharon (Smith) Hadley (Kyle), and Sarah Elaine Smith, and by nephews Troy Wade Davis II (Melissa Webb) and Millard Corey Davis (Courtne').

Services will be held Thursday, April 25, 2024 at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home, Ardmore, Alabama with visitation being held from 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM. The Funeral Service will start at 2:30 PM with Bro. Bill Eaves officiating. Burial will follow at Sylone Cemetery, Elkmont, Alabama.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **25**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home  
27186 E. Main St.  
Ardmore, AL 35739  
(256) 423-4100  
<https://www.ardmorechapel.com/>

## Funeral Service

APR **25**. 2:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

AK

“ I just found this out and I'm truly saddened. I worked with Delsa on the weekends at LeBonheur for several years. We had our ups and downs as “sisters “ often do but at the end of the day I respected and loved her. She was an awesome inspiration in her faith. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Amber Keath - May 13, 2024 at 08:19 PM

LT

“ Le Bonheur PICC Team purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Delsa Teresa Davis.



Le Bonheur PICC Team - May 13, 2024 at 08:03 PM

JL

“ My heart is breaking. Sweet Delsa was my college roommate for 3 years. My husband and I are coming to Memphis serve an 18 month medical mission starting May 21. I was SO looking forward seeing Delsa after all these years. I'd love to meet with family and reminisce. 💔🙏

Jane Ludlow - May 05, 2024 at 07:11 PM

DS

Hello Jane,  
So glad you found out and posted here. Seems like yesterday, but it was 3 or more months ago that Delsa told me you were coming to Memphis, I thought she said for your two or so week mission training. She was anticipating getting discharged from the hospital, recovering, and getting her house back in order for your visit.

Denise Smith - May 11, 2024 at 04:22 PM

DS

*Oops, was not finished. She was in the hospital the last two months of her life. How long will you be in Memphis, and what days/ evening do you have free? I/We may very well be able to meet up with you as I am spending time in Memphis every couple/ few weeks. Text me at 615-913-1003. Thanks for your kind message.*

Denise Smith - May 11, 2024 at 04:27 PM

AH

*“ I worked with Delsa over thirty years at LeBonheur! ! We traveled to Utah at least twice and she shared where she went to college! She was a wonderful cook, gardener, and helpful friend! I will miss her friendship! I will never forget her love and care for sick babies! She was strong as a pioneer lady and tender as a lamb! The world lost a beautiful human!*



Alice Holt - April 26, 2024 at 02:40 AM

DS

*Thank you so much, Alice. Denise*

Denise Smith - May 11, 2024 at 04:29 PM

NT

*“ Nancy Talbert lit a candle in memory of Delsa Teresa Davis*



Nancy Talbert - April 25, 2024 at 03:13 PM

SG

“ Scott and Betty Graham purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Delsa Teresa Davis.



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**Scott and Betty Graham** - April 24, 2024 at 10:10 PM

LK

“ Delsa was wonderful to work with at lebonheur I Always admired her great taste in her home & her tender heart with the babies she took care of May God bless her I never will forget her she had integrity

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**Lain kolb** - April 24, 2024 at 05:45 PM

YF

“ Your JLL Family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Delsa Teresa Davis.



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**Your JLL Family** - April 24, 2024 at 02:47 PM

TF

“ The Wilt Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Delsa Teresa Davis.



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**The Wilt Family** - April 24, 2024 at 12:11 PM

MK

“ We are so sad to hear of Delsa’s passing. She and Denise were very close and it will surely leave an emptiness in Denise’s heart. How comforting it is to know that families are forever and these sisters will be reunited one day! Jesus Christ is our Savior and he made it possible for us to live forever with Him and our families. We pray the Smiths and Davis’ will feel the Savior’s love during this time. ❤️



Michelle and Rick Kellogg - April 23, 2024 at 11:12 PM

LC

“ I remember when we drive to Florida to Disney World for Mormon Day at the park. There were 8 of us pulled up in the car. Drove down that weekend! We had a blast. Love her and her family. We grew up together. Our parents were great friends. My memory of her will be cherishing to me always.



Lugene Cooper - April 23, 2024 at 09:56 PM

DS

Lugene,  
So appreciate your sweet memories. Thank you for sharing.

Denise Smith - May 11, 2024 at 04:36 PM

CG

“ Calvin and Audre' Goodale planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Delsa Teresa Davis.

Calvin and Audre' Goodale - April 23, 2024 at 09:53 PM

CG

“ Calvin and Audre' Goodale purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Delsa Teresa Davis.



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**Calvin and Audre' Goodale** - April 23, 2024 at 09:53 PM

CL

“ Cooper L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Delsa Teresa Davis.

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**Cooper L.** - April 23, 2024 at 09:48 PM

CG

“ I have had the pleasure to know Delsa for many years while she lived here in Memphis Tennessee. She always brought a spirit of kindness, understanding, patience, and love. As we would visit together she had so many interesting experiences to share that seem to make her a giant among those she has influenced. On one occasion she far and beyond her call to comfort. I had a heart attack, I needed emergency heart surgery. As i was being wheeled away to surgery, my wife was visibly upset. Delsa came to her at the hospital and sat with my wife in the waiting area for the whole three and a half hours while I was in surgery. She comforted my wife, and explained everything that was going on and what to expect after the surgery. My wife thought she was going to be all alone during this challenging time because we have no immediate family in the Memphis area. But no ! there was Delsa, right at her side, providing the needed assurance, comfort, and hand of trust and faith needed in a time of great concern and anxiety. Delsa went way above mark of Christ like love. It's actions like that which brings greatness to an individual. We will always have a special place in our hearts for her. Though we are separated at this time, we know that Delsa has simply gone to her Heavenly home to continue on her eternal journey. She is with family and friends now, and still moving forward. We love her. God be with you till we meet again.

Calvin and Audre' Goodale

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**Calvin Goodale** - April 23, 2024 at 09:47 PM

DS

Dear Bro. and Sis. Goodale,  
I love what your shared. Thank you for taking the time to do so. It's wonderful to discover bits and pieces I never before knew about Delsa. Bless You !

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**Denise Smith** - May 11, 2024 at 04:41 PM

PW

“ *Peggy Weeden lit a candle in memory of Delsa Teresa Davis*



Peggy Weeden - April 23, 2024 at 09:42 PM

PW

*Delsa was a wonderful and caring nurse who went out of her way to show love and concern for her patients and their families! She had a wonderful sense of humor and was very loyal to her friends and family! I will miss you so much, Sweet Friend!*

Peggy Weeden - April 23, 2024 at 09:45 PM

DS

*Thank You, Peggy.*

Denise Smith - May 11, 2024 at 04:42 PM

SK

“ *Sandy Williams Keith lit a candle in memory of Delsa Teresa Davis*



Sandy Williams Keith - April 23, 2024 at 08:49 PM

DS

*Thank you, Sandy.*

Denise Smith - May 11, 2024 at 04:42 PM