



Jody Leigh Dean

December 30, 1962 - December 20, 2024

Our beloved Mom, Jody Dean, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, December 20th in her home after struggling with the effects of a major stroke in 2022. She was born to Will Dean and his wife Lyn (Klos) in December 1962 in Memphis, Tennessee. As an adult she had 2 children with her ex-husband Joe Tapley, while working in various jobs as well as her own businesses. Once her children were teenagers, Jody went back to college at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas where she discovered her passion for Mathematics and Teaching. She found fulfillment as a Professor of Mathematics at South Plains College in west Texas.

Jody was preceded in death by her father, Will, in 2006, her brother Bill, in 2018, and her mother, Lyn, just a few short weeks ago. She is grieved by her children, BJ Tapley of New Orleans, and Erin (and David) Luper of Azle, Texas; her 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson: Hope (and Del) Bilyea and their child, Richard; Rebekah (and AJ) Kenney of Mineral Wells, Texas, Brooke, and Davey. She is also mourned by her uncle Ken (and Sue) Klos of Tallahassee Florida, her great-aunt Vera Manager of Huntsville, Texas, and many other family and friends.

Tribute Wall

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“ *May God cover your family with His love and peace during this most difficult time. May His strength become your strength. We are praying for you and your family, and are so very sorry to hear of the loss of Jody. I had the pleasure to work with Jody in Plainview at South Plains College. She was always full of joy and ready to teach students the math skills needed such a wonderful instructor and friend.*

*Grace and peace to you,
SPC-Plainview Center
Veronica Hall*

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