



Debra Ann Boddie

August 1, 1953 - January 6, 2026

Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven

Debra Ann Boddie, 72, passed Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at her home in Southaven, MS. A visitation will be held Saturday, January 17, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., with the Celebration of Life to immediately follow at 12:00 p.m., all at Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven (626 Star Landing Road, East, Southaven, MS 38672.) Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven is in charge of arrangements.

Debra had a true love for travel and found joy in discovering new places and experiences. At home, she was happiest surrounded by nature—sitting quietly outdoors, tending to her garden, and watching hummingbirds flutter by. She was an avid reader and treasured peaceful moments with a good book. Above all, Debra cherished time spent with her family and shared a special bond with her two beloved dogs, who were constant companions and a great source of comfort and joy.

Professionally, Debra built a successful career as a government contract representative. She worked with respected companies including IBM, SAIC, and Lockheed Martin, earning the admiration of colleagues for her professionalism and dedication. She retired eight years ago, proud of the work she had accomplished over the years.

Debra was also deeply committed to her education. She earned both a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree, achievements that reflected her determination and love of learning.

Debra will be remembered for her gentle spirit, her appreciation of life's simple pleasures, and the love she shared with those closest to her. Her presence will be deeply missed, but her memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Debra is survived by her daughter, Rhonda Latasha (Mario) Latney of Woodbridge, VA; her son, Eric Jermaine (Shaunquia) Boddie of Chesapeake, VA; her mother, Erma Jean Porter of Memphis, TN; her siblings, Linda Fay Porter, Sheryl Bernice (J.C.) Smith, Phyquita Lavett Porter, Tyrone Porter, Theresa Porter and Verlisa Porter, all of Memphis; her grandson, Jalyn Dometre (Simaah) Latney of Stafford, VA; her precious dogs, Sean and Marlon; many extended relatives, and countless friends.

Mrs. Boddie was preceded in death by her husband, Octavious Boddie, Jr., her sister, Evelyn Delois Porter, and her father, Percy Lee Porter.

Expressions of condolences may be shared on Ms. Debra Ann Boddie's Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralhomesh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven created a Webcast in memory of Debra Ann Boddie



Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven - January 16 at 02:57 PM



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven created a Tribute Video in memory of Debra Ann Boddie



Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven - January 13 at 01:36 PM

MT

My condolences to Aunt Jean & family. Myria Taylor

Myria Taylor - January 16 at 02:42 PM

CF

“ Cousins: John/Pearl Porter family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Debra Ann Boddie.



Cousins: John/Pearl Porter family - January 16 at 10:21 AM

LF

“ *Linda Dunk-Outlaw, Mea Outlaw & Family. purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Debra Ann Boddie.*



Linda Dunk-Outlaw, Mea Outlaw & Family. - January 16 at 04:38 AM

AG

“ *Ashanti Gardner purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Debra Ann Boddie.*



Ashanti Gardner - January 09 at 07:38 PM

TI

“ I had the honor of caring for my auntie in her final moments. In that time, I connected with her in ways I never had before. As I looked through her pictures, and learned about her life and accomplishments, I discovered parts of her that I wish I had known sooner. My auntie lived life unapologetically!!!!!!
I feel DEEPLY hurt. I feel robbed of the time we didn't get, of the conversations we never had, of the closeness that only came once she was already leaving. And yet, I am also grateful. Grateful that I was chosen to be there. BEYOND grateful that I could care for her, comfort her, and love her when it mattered most. Inspired by the woman she was. Thank you Rhonda for making the very tough decision for sending her to us.
In so many ways, we were alike, and I didn't realize it until she was gone. That connection will stay with me forever. I will miss her more than words can express, and I will carry her strength, and her memory with me always.

I love you Auntie Dell.... See you later. Kiss Auntie Lois for me.

Keep Rhonda and Eric and their families in your prayers. 🙏

Tiffany - January 08 at 08:18 AM

EC

“ Erma P. Carter lit a candle in memory of Debra Ann Boddie



Erma P. Carter - January 07 at 05:31 PM

EC

Beyond life's gateway, there's an open gate at the end of the road through which each must go alone. And there is a light we can not see-our Father claims His own. Beyond the gate our loved one finds happiness and rest; and there is comfort in the thought that a loving God knows best. Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day...unseen, unheard, but always near; still loved, still missed and very dear. Sleep on Dale and take your rest. We loved you, but God loved you best. I love and miss you from talking about gardening. I enjoyed the pictures that you would take of your produce and send to me. AUNTEE

Erma P. Carter - January 07 at 05:56 PM



This woman here my big sister I can't begin to tell y'all what she meant to me. It's so hard for me to talk about it. When I was younger, I knew of my sister, but she left home as a teenager so I didn't grow up knowing her but she decided to retire and move back here eight years ago I never thought in million years that we would connect the way we did, it was on a spiritual level. I am so grateful that she chose to be my sister in this lifetime. We learned so much from each other, we became so close we talked on the phone every other day we were always going somewhere together and I was so looking forward to 2026 because we planned to do so much and I never would've thought she would be gone this fast, my heart is so heavy right now because she wasn't just a sister, she was my best friend. Sis you told me not to be sad and I'm trying very hard not to be but I miss the hell out of you, but I also know that you're back home with all there is and all there will ever be and that gives me comfort. Until we meet again sis. Thanks to Rhonda and Eric for allowing us to spend the last month of her life with her.

Verlissa Porter - January 08 at 09:53 PM



“ 87 files added to the album LifeTributes



Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven - January 07 at 04:51 PM

BR

“ I was saddened to hear of the loss of my Cousin! I will always remember her coming back home to visit when i was a kid growing up. She would always come by to see me and my grandparents. I had the pleasure of speaking with her to see how she was doing when i received word of her failing health. I will miss her and all of the fond memories of her down through the years. And i pray the family will find comfort during this difficult time. Rest peacefully in Heaven Cousin!!

Bryan K. Randell - January 07 at 04:04 PM

BR

My name is Burlon Reese, a friend of Deb for thirty plus years. Deb and I were neighbors for several years in Dale City, VA. We both worked at IBM and we shared great memories while I was living in VA. I moved to TN in 2003, but we stayed in touch. We had lots of fun memories through the years. It hurts my heart to not be able to call her and just go down memory lane from time to time. I'm just hurting right now!! Deb , RIP GIRL FRIEND ❤️🌹☀️

Burlon Reese - January 07 at 05:07 PM

BR

*My condolences to the Boddie and Porter family.
May God comfort each of you doing this difficult time 🙏❤️🌹.*

Burlon Reese - January 07 at 05:11 PM

JP

*My deepest condolences to my aunt Jean and the rest of the family.
Dale will be truly missed. She loved to be around family.*

Jacqueline Pool-Caradine - January 07 at 09:06 PM

RW

*My Condolences to the entire family, I'm a friend of her sister Velisa.
When I first met Dale when she moved back I had the pleasure to fix
her hair when I tell you she doesn't meet a stranger we hit it off
immediately ❤️😘*

Rosia Walls-Tate - January 09 at 08:06 AM

LD

*My condolences to the family...i am a friend of 30 years+ with Rhonda
and more like family...i had the opportunity of meeting Ms Debra 3
years ago.. we became friends right away...it seems that we had known
each other longer...She was very caring, humble, friendly, and grateful
for life.. She loved her family..She love to travel and i had the
opportunity to meet her on the first trip she took with my group to Dubai
and Egypt.. i am so glad that God allowed me to connect with her... We
had a lot of travel together and she was able to experience other parts
of the world...We spoke a few times when she became ill and im glad i
could keep in touch.. My heart is sad but i know she is resting in Peace
now.. i will truly miss Ms Debra, our conversations, but i look forward to
seeing her again in eternity.
May God comfort the family and give you peace and understanding..*

Linda Dunk-Outlaw - January 14 at 02:02 PM