



Mrs. Desiree Christina DeGraw Reese

January 8, 1966 - April 19, 2026

Memorial services for Mrs. Desiree Christina “DeDe” DeGraw Reese, 60, of Long Branch, Texas will be 2:00 p.m., Sunday, May 10, 2026 in the Hawthorn Funeral Home State Room with Dr. Allen Tilley and Bro. Richard Reed officiating. Desiree was born on January 8, 1966, in Ft. Dix, New Jersey. She passed this life April 19, 2026, in Long Branch, Texas. She was one of three children born to the marriage of Jessie Beatrice Vaughn and William John “Bill” DeGraw. She was raised as an Air Force Brat educated in many places graduating from Menchville High School in Virginia. She married Gary Reese and they spent many years together before he preceded her in death. DeDe loved her church as a member of the First Baptist Church in Carthage, Texas. She was an avid reader, loved casinos, eating out and about with friends and family. She loved animals even working at the aquarium in Corpus Christi and dog grooming. She is also preceded in death by her sister, Roxanna Joy Fitzpatrick.

Mrs. DeGraw Reese is survived by her parents, Bill and Jessie DeGraw of Long Branch, Texas; brother Rodney DeGraw of Long Branch, Texas; two stepchildren and one step grandchild; other relatives and a host of friends. Cremation arrangements were entrusted to Hawthorn Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 10. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Desiree Christina DeGraw Reese



Hawthorn Funeral Home - May 10 at 01:29 PM

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“ DeDe is a beautiful lady and im proud to have been a part of her life, she will be deeply missed by all who knew her, DeDe. We love you and will meet again someday.

Rusty L English - May 11 at 02:27 PM

BB

“ Brenda Beasley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Desiree Christina DeGraw Reese



Brenda Beasley - May 01 at 04:12 PM

BB

“ I just learned of Dede’s home going to Heaven. She was a precious lady who I was honored to be her friend. It is so difficult to lose a children. I understand your grief because of the passing of my son in 1999. It was a pleasure to be in Sunday School and going out to eat with the seniors. She was so faithful to help in the Welcome Center when she could. I loved her smile and personality.

Brenda Beasley - May 01 at 04:10 PM

PB

“ Perri Byrd lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Desiree Christina DeGraw Reese



Perri Byrd - April 22 at 09:46 PM