



Denise Leann Spence

June 12, 1963 - July 15, 2025

Denise Leann Spence, 62, of Kingston, OK, went to her heavenly home on July 15, 2025, in McKinney, TX. Denise was born on June 12, 1963, in Oklahoma City, OK, to Donald Brown Spence Jr. and Virginia Lee Roberts (Smith).

Denise grew up in Edmond, OK, and attended Edmond Memorial High School. She moved to Kingston, OK, in 2018 after her retirement. She worked as a legal secretary for most of her life. Denise was a Christian woman and was a member of Life.Church online. Denise was full of life in every way. She enjoyed gardening, her animals, watching and tending to birds, the lake life, girls' nights, her friends, and riding side-by-sides. Of all the things she enjoyed in life, her greatest joys were her daughter and her grandson. She was a very proud mother and grandmother.

Denise is preceded in death by her mother; Virginia Lee Roberts (Smith), and her grandparents on both sides of her family.

She is survived by her father; Donald Spence Jr. of Oklahoma City, OK, stepfather; Butch Roberts of Edmond, OK, daughter; Lexi Benard and spouse Justin of Shawnee, OK, grandson; Barrett Benard of Shawnee, OK, brother; Landon Spence and spouse Kelli of Edmond, OK, step-sister; Kelli Parks of Edmond, OK, nephew; Tanner Spence of Edmond, OK, niece; Rilee Martinelli

and spouse Joey of Edmond, OK, and numerous extended family and friends.

A celebration of life for Denise will be held on July 19, 2025, at 10:00 AM at Denise's house.

Services are under the direction of Brown's Durant Funeral and Cremation Services.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL **19**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Denise's House

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Kingston, OK 73439

Tribute Wall

DM

“As with many others, it was a shock to my wife, Jan and I to learn of the sudden passing of Denise, a wonderful person and friend and colleague to me and so many others within the FDIC family.

In many ways Denise and I both began our professional careers at a bank few may remember today, Penn Square Bank in Oklahoma City. As matters worked through, Denise then became a lead secretary for both the RTC in Dallas and, for some twenty years plus, continued her public service in the FDIC Legal Division as secretary to myself as the Regional Counsel and my successor after my retirement in 2016, with Denise continuing through her retirement in 2018. FDIC was far more than a place of work; it was a place of family and over the years, in addition to her outstanding skills as a secretary Denise contributed to our office family with her cheerfulness, her wonderful sense of humor, her unique laugh and being there for others. Denise was a friend to all, including those in our Washington and other offices, and those outside the Legal Division. Denise and I with my wife Jan shared in many events; marriage, births, travels, experiences. This continued even after our respective retirements and I feel blessed that Denise and I shared a lengthy telephone conversation in June, lengthy as we both liked to talk!

A lasting memory for Jan and I of Denise was her annual Christmas card which always included a beautiful picture of Denise and her daughter Lexi in matching outfits. More than anything, Denise was about Love and Admiration for her Daughter, her son-in-law and grandson, Barrett. Denise was and will always remain for her family an amazingly strong and independent woman who raised her daughter to be the wonderful person she is today. I know that Denise will continue her role as Mother, Grandmother, Mother-in-Law, Dear Friend as one very beautiful Guardian Angel continuing to share with all of us her gifts through cherished memories and shared good times.





Don McKinley - July 20, 2025 at 12:17 PM



“ I am saddened by the loss of this sweet lady. I first knew her at FDIC in the OKC office, later in the Dallas office. Denise always had a smile and a kind word for all. The world will be a lesser place without her presence. Condolences to family. RIP Denise, till we all meet again...

Billy LaValle - July 19, 2025 at 08:36 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of working with Denise for many years at the FDIC's Dallas Regional Office. She was an absolute delight to work with and to know. Every day, she would bring us up to speed with her young daughter, Lexi and for many of us, we felt as though we lived our life through the lives of Denise and Lexi.

I want to let the family know how she was a real "treasure" of a colleague. I'll never forget her laugh and her ability to always look at the brighter side of life. She will always be remembered by me as one of my favorite people at the office. Thanks, Denise, for the wonderful memories.....

*Gregory Coyle
Spring Hill, Tennessee*

Gregory Coyle - July 19, 2025 at 01:30 PM

BK

I interacted only occasionally with Denise because of my DC location. She was invariably upbeat and helpful and a delightful colleague. She was even able to keep her boss, a regional counsel, mostly under control, something beyond my abilities. I have missed interacting with her in the years since my retirement.

*Bill Kroener
Newport Beach, Ca*

Bill Kroener - July 19, 2025 at 08:11 PM

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“ Ashley L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Denise Leann Spence.

Ashley L. - July 18, 2025 at 11:40 PM