



Dena Childress David

December 7, 1943 - March 31, 2020

Dena Childress David, age 76, of Pierce City, MO died peacefully in her sleep on Tuesday, March 31, 2020, at her home in Pierce City, MO. Dena was born in Union, MS on Tuesday, December 07, 1943. She was the daughter of Mertis and Abbiedeen (McCraw) Butts. Dena spent many years working at Herds Truck Stop, Jump Stop in Monett, waitressing, and bar tending. Dena grew up in a Pentecostal church in Mississippi. She always enjoyed dancing, fishing, camping, and listening to country music. Dena spent many hours gardening and taking care of flowers she had planted. She was known for her beautiful tomatoes. Dena was a wonderful cook. She valued time spent with close friends and thoroughly enjoyed time with her family; she especially enjoyed her grandkids.

Surviving are the following: one daughter, Brandi (Jeremy) Krempges of Mt. Vernon, MO; two sons, Charles "Chuck" (Rebecca) Paternostro of Pierce City, MO and Ronnie (Elicia) Edwards of Vancleave, MS; five grandchildren, Calisa, Kieth, Destiny, Aaron, and Kadence; and three great-grandchildren, Jackson, Avery, and baby Colt on the way. She will also be missed by a host of friends, nieces, nephews, and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; twin sons, Timothy & Tony Paternostro; one brother, John A. Butts; and three sisters, Lucille May, Inez Oswald, and Katherine Butts.

Private family interment will occur at the Pierce City Cemetery. A visitation will be held at Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO on June 6, 2020 at 2:00 PM. A Celebration of Life Service will follow visitation at 2:30 PM at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the personal care and direction of Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO.

Cemetery Details

Pierce City Cemetery

Pierce City, MO 65723

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

Lakin Funeral Home
501 N Elm St.
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *I'll always miss you aunt Dena...My #1...Rip...see you soon...*

John A - September 08, 2025 at 01:18 PM



“ *Dena Childress David*

October 09, 2023 at 08:34 AM



“ *I will miss you until we meet again in heaven grandma. She was my hero since I was just a little girl. I always looked up to her. Grandma always loved unconditionally and I hope that I made her proud.*

Calisa Hughes - May 27, 2020 at 11:06 PM



“ *My bestest friend ever. My sister by another mister. My heart. My soul. I'm still so upset that I did not get to see her one more time before she was gone. But I know I will see her again in Heaven. Save me a place SIS. I still cannot believe you are gone from this world. We went through so much together. Always there for each other. I love you Sis. I miss you so much. But I am so happy that you can breathe better than anyone.*

Bettie F Toombs - May 27, 2020 at 06:38 PM

DS

“ Dena and my mom Sandy Chido were very close friends at one time long ago. They even wore their hair the same at times because they actually looked like sisters. I know this will break my moms heart. I remember you well Dena. You were always sweet to me when I babysat for you many, many years ago. God speed and rest easy knowing you were so loved by others.
To her children and remaining family members I am so sorry for your loss.



Debra Chido Steinert - April 07, 2020 at 06:09 PM

LW

“ Dena had a loving caring soul she had a big heart in every way. She was always there if you needed to talk, cry or let off some steam. If you were her friend you had a friend for life. She helped me in life in so many ways.
Mamma Dena ,, I Love you and will miss you so very much. One of my favorite quotes Those we love never truly leave us, There are things that death can not touch. R.I.P



Linda Wright - April 01, 2020 at 11:51 AM

DB

“ Chuckie your Mother was always kind and friendly to me. It was Dena who found Granny sick and helpless when Granny had her stroke at home. Dena was going by to check on granny. You were there for us when we lost Mom almost 11 years ago and again when we lost Dad 3 1/2 years ago. I miss Mom everyday, and she loved you. I am sorry you have lost your Mom, and I will pray for your healing. DavidBurger

David Burger - April 01, 2020 at 11:51 AM

TD

“ Have great childhood memories of living next to Dena. She was always so kind to us. Prayers of comfort for her family.

Theresa Day - March 31, 2020 at 11:35 PM

RM

“ Robyn Canady Myers lit a candle in memory of Dena Childress David



Robyn Canady Myers - March 31, 2020 at 10:52 PM

AW

“ Anthony Winzer lit a candle in memory of Dena Childress David



Anthony Winzer - March 31, 2020 at 09:14 PM

TB

“ I love you "Mom" words will never begin to say how my heart is breaking at this time. I know you are no longer in pain and that you are resting with Jesus now. I hope you are dancing tonight at some county concert in the sky. Til we meet again fly high my Angel!



Teri Barton - March 31, 2020 at 08:41 PM

DG

“ *Denise Glover lit a candle in memory of Dena Childress David*



Denise Glover - March 31, 2020 at 07:44 PM

TY

“ *Tonya Young lit a candle in memory of Dena Childress David*



Tonya Young - March 31, 2020 at 07:04 PM