



Donna "Dee" Dow

November 7, 1965 - December 11, 2025

Services for Dee will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, December 18, 2025 at the The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Forney, Texas. The family will receive friends one hour prior to service time.

Donna Denise Bowman Dow was called home on December 11, 2025. She was born in Orange Texas on November 7, 1965 to her parents Donald Dean Bowman and Minnie Inez Mancil. Dee grew up in Orange County Texas. She attended Orangefield high school and graduated in 1984 and then went on to attend University of Houston receiving a bachelor's degree of science in Hotel Management. After graduating college Dee worked on a charter boat and offshore galley's, then pursued a job with Texas Health and Human Services where she retired after 24 years. Dee enjoyed spending time with her children and her two granddaughters. She loved reading and spending time outdoors, she was strong in her faith with Heavenly Father. Her favorite calling in church was primary. She belonged to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She also enjoyed working as a part time park host for the city of Log Cabin, Tx.

Dee was preceded in death by her father and mother Donald and Inez Bowman, Father-In-Law Raleigh Dow, Sister Brenda Welch, Grandparents Joe and Pearl Bowman, Jesse and Leona Mancil. Dee is survived by her husband of 24 years Raleigh E. Dow Jr of Terrell, Tx, Mother-In-Law Sandy Dow of Lumberton, TX, Father and Mother-in-law Larry and Doris Akin of Eureka, Ca. She's also survived by her children Cody and Rosie Dow of Ukiah, Ca, Stormy Dow of Huntsville, Tx, Emma Dow of Athens, Tx, Grandchildren Scarlett and Abby Dow of Ukiah, Ca. Brothers Larry (Cathy) Norvell of Vidor, Tx, Randy (Julie) Schirck of Friendswood, Tx. Sister Duska (Alan) Nielsen of Vidor, Tx.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or Cancer Society.

Cemetery Details

Athens Cemetery

406 S Prarieville St
Athens , TX 75751

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
8200 FM 741
Forney, TX 75126

Graveside Service

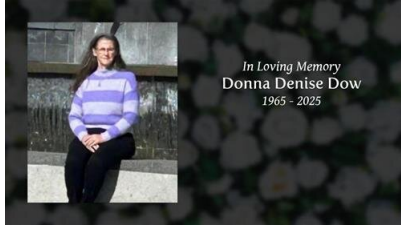
DEC 18. 2:30 PM (CT)

Athens Cemetery
406 S Prarieville St
Athens , TX 75751

Tribute Wall



“ Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Donna "Dee" Dow



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - December 22, 2025 at 12:40 PM

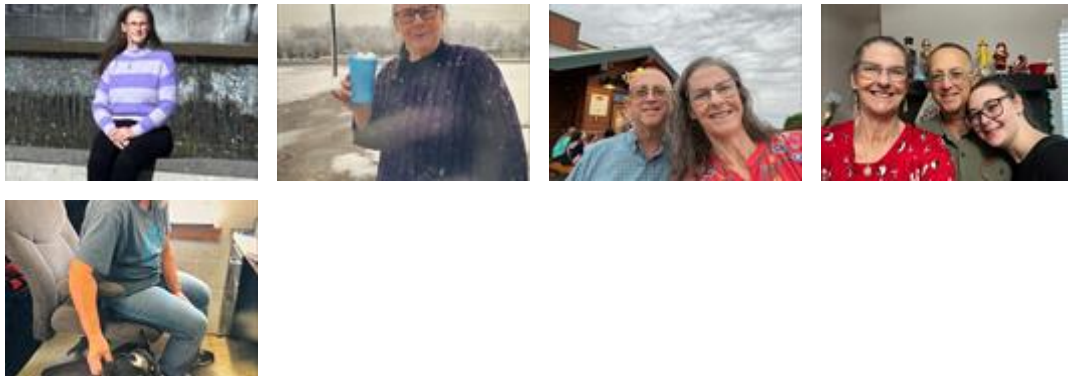
RD

It's been 3 months since you were called home. I still don't understand why. Our grandson is so precious. The granddaughters miss you so much. I love you and miss you My life my Wife. For All Eternity. See you soon.

Raleigh dow - March 18 at 08:08 PM



“ 159 files added to the album Memories Album



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - December 22, 2025 at 12:40 PM

TE

“ Tom Etches planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna "Dee" Dow.

Tom Etches - December 18, 2025 at 12:36 AM

TE

“ Tom Etches purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Donna "Dee" Dow.



Tom Etches - December 18, 2025 at 12:36 AM

MR

“ RIP Dee! It was a honor to know you and I greatly enjoyed your friendship. I will always remember your sweet smile. May your family and loved ones always find comfort, peace & smiles when remembering you.

Margaret Reeves - December 17, 2025 at 10:44 PM

AC

Thank you for some of my fondest memories. You always had a smile for everyone and a heart as big as....well, as big as Texas! You will be missed but I know we'll all see you again sooner than later.

Andrea Costello - December 19, 2025 at 01:03 AM

SK

“ Pete and Family. I am so sorry for your loss. Through family, friends, and prayer you will be able to find peace. Pete, I always share the story about running into you and Dee at the Salt Lick in Driftwood when I talk about firefighters from Vidor. What a surprise that was for both of us! You are all in Alissa and my prayers.



Scott D. Kerwood - December 17, 2025 at 03:53 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donna "Dee" Dow.



December 17, 2025 at 01:37 PM

GB

“ Gene & Angela Bowman purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Donna "Dee" Dow.



Gene & Angela Bowman - December 17, 2025 at 01:31 PM

WL

“ With love, The Lees purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Donna "Dee" Dow.



With love, The Lees - December 17, 2025 at 11:06 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Donna "Dee" Dow.



December 16, 2025 at 10:17 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Donna "Dee" Dow.



December 16, 2025 at 01:25 AM

FW

“ From Donna Bell & Sandra Withrow planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna "Dee" Dow.

From Donna Bell & Sandra Withrow - December 16, 2025 at 01:25 AM

TG

“ Todd Goss planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna "Dee" Dow.

Todd Goss - December 15, 2025 at 07:58 PM

TG

“ Todd Goss purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of Donna "Dee" Dow.



Todd Goss - December 15, 2025 at 07:58 PM

TF

“ The Schirck Family purchased the *Lavender Reflections Spray* for the family of Donna "Dee" Dow.



The Schirck Family - December 14, 2025 at 06:18 PM

RF

“ Rollins family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna "Dee" Dow.

Rollins family - December 13, 2025 at 12:51 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Donna "Dee" Dow.



December 13, 2025 at 12:51 PM