



## Dorecia Von Tepe

July 12, 1949 - September 25, 2021

Dorecia Von Tepe passed from this life on September 25, 2021, at home surrounded by family at the age of 72. She was born on July 12, 1949, in Cordell, Oklahoma to Jerry George and Olive June (Phillips) Smith. She attended Hobart until the 6th grade, then moved to Lone Wolf, where she was a proud Coyote Graduate - Year of 1967. Dorecia continued her education at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford for two years. She married the love of her life, Jimmy Paul Tepe, on October 1, 1971, at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Lone Wolf, and they were blessed with two sons, Jerry Paul and Philip James.

Dorecia was a homemaker whose three grandchildren were her pride and joy. She never missed a ball game, track meet, or pig show. She was an avid quilter and loved to sew, and if the family ever needed anything made or mended, they always turned to her. She later volunteered for over twenty years as an EMT for Lone Wolf Ambulance.

She was a cat and dog lover, who was affectionately known as the "cat lady" by her family. Her favorite television channel was FOX News, and she could talk politics for hours, and you would know exactly where she stood! The family thought of Dorecia as their own personal weather woman, as she would place a warning call when severe weather was near.

One of her favorite hobbies was gardening, which enabled her to easily supply the whole family (and then some) with fresh vegetables. She was a longtime member of the St. John's Lutheran Church in Lone Wolf, where her faith in

God was strong. She was the rock and glue of the family and always hosted Thanksgiving and Christmas each year, which was full of laughter and wonderful memories.

She is survived by her husband of the home Jimmy, son Jerry Paul Tepe and wife Amber of Lone Wolf, granddaughter Jerra Jo Tepe, grandsons Mason Philip Tepe and Levan Paul Tepe. Dorecia is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jerry and June Smith, son Philip James Tepe and sister Jerrie Sue Pearson. Public viewing for Dorecia will begin Wednesday, September 29, 2021, 1:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M., with family present to receive friends between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M., at Peoples Cooperative Funeral Home located at 1400 West Main, Lone Wolf, 580-846-9018.

Services are scheduled for Thursday, September 30, 2021, 10:00 A.M., at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Lone Wolf, with Pastor B.J. Armstrong and Pastor Ronald Boelte officiating. Interment will follow at Lone Wolf Cemetery. Donations or memorials can be sent to St. John's Lutheran Church in Lone Wolf or the Lone Wolf Volunteer Fire Department.

On-line condolences for Dorecia can be made by visiting [www.peoplescooperativefuneralhome.com](http://www.peoplescooperativefuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dorecia Von Tepe*

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October 08, 2023 at 02:10 PM



“ *Dorecia Von Tepe*

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October 04, 2023 at 11:28 PM



“ *Dear Jimmy and Jerry Paul, I just learned of Dorecia s passing tonite and wanted to express my love and concern. Some of my favorite times of my life were with you all and I think of and pray for you often. My family s prayers are with you all. I know she s reunited with Philip and Derrick in heaven looking down at you all with great love and pride. God bless, Kevin Regan and family.*

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**Kevin Regan** - December 18, 2022 at 12:54 AM



“ *Jimmy and Family, Was so sorry to here about Dorecia. Just dose not seem possible this many years have passed. Just wanted you to know you and your family are in our hearts and prayers.  
Jimmy and Andra Coalson*

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**Jimmy Coalson** - October 11, 2021 at 12:18 PM

BC

“ Dorecia and I were best friends while she attended Hobart schools. We were always at each other's homes. I lived in the country on a farm and that was her choice of overnights. Even after her family moved to Lone Wolf we continued to stay in touch and spend weekends at each other's homes into our junior high years. I still remember one weekend that I spent at her house in Lone Wolf and she had just gotten the new 45 record hit "Put Your Head on My Shoulder". I bet we played that thing over 100 times that night. Her father finally told us, about 2 a.m., "no more." I now live in Ohio and saw of her passing in the Hobart paper. My memories are of a great grade school friend. -- Betty Fleck Crum

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**Betty Fleck Crum** - October 08, 2021 at 08:46 AM



“ Meat & Cheese Sympathy Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Dorecia Von Tepe.



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September 30, 2021 at 09:40 AM

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“ Praying for Gods comfort for you all.  
Stan and Virginia Robison

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**Stan and Virginia Robison** - September 29, 2021 at 03:10 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dorecia Von Tepe.



September 28, 2021 at 09:22 PM



“ Love, The Schaefer Group purchased the Arrive i n Style for the family of Dorecia Von Tepe.



Love, The Schaefer Group - September 28, 2021 at 05:08 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Karen and Charles Every - September 28, 2021 at 12:57 PM



Great times in Branson

Karen and Charles Every - September 28, 2021 at 12:58 PM

NS

“ *Best neighbor ever! Raised our boys together and our sons are still camping and farming together. When we lost Kit, Dorecia was there to help us thru it. Good memories of our boys playing football and graduating together. Fun times as class parents and generally sharing the past 50 years as neighbors and friends. Our lives just won't be the same without Dorecia.*

**Nickie Straub** - September 28, 2021 at 12:17 PM

 Susie Cummins

“ *Dorecia, Jerri Sue, and I grew up together as cousins. We were all three about the same age and I have wonderful memories of us playing together as kids and after school as well. My heart goes out to Dorecia's family as I know they will miss her, but she will be with you in your hearts. Susie Smith Cummins*

**Susie Cummins** - September 28, 2021 at 11:01 AM

DC

“ *We're so very sorry for your loss of Dorecia. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. David, Galeen & Clea Chain*



**David & Galeen Chain** - September 28, 2021 at 09:46 AM

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“ *Andrea Newberry lit a candle in memory of Dorecia Von Tepe*



**Andrea Newberry** - September 28, 2021 at 01:44 AM

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*I always remember her playing basketball with that spot on team. But more recently she always made my family welcome at her family gatherings. May she rest in peace.*

**Andrea Newberry** - September 28, 2021 at 01:49 AM

LS

“ *LONNIE SMITH lit a candle in memory of Dorecia Von Tepe*



**LONNIE SMITH** - September 27, 2021 at 11:49 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dorecia Von Tepe.*



September 27, 2021 at 09:55 PM

SC

“ *She was a great friend and classmate. I especially enjoyed the 7 years we played basketball together. We played guard together and really enjoyed it. I also roomed with Dorecia at Southwestern. They are fond memories for me. I'll miss her. ❤️*

**Sheila Cribbs** - September 27, 2021 at 09:45 PM

YW

“ Yvonne & Willie lit a candle in memory of Dorecia Von Tepe



Yvonne & Willie - September 27, 2021 at 09:35 PM

Katie Archer

“ I am sure going to miss her. One special lady. ❤️🙏

Katie Archer - September 27, 2021 at 07:26 PM

FH

“ Frank And Myra Hanna lit a candle in memory of Dorecia Von Tepe



Frank and Myra Hanna - September 27, 2021 at 05:53 PM

FH

Prayers to the family. She was a special person and will be missed. She treated our son (Doug) as if her was her own and we loved her for that. Love to the family.

Frank and Myra Hanna - September 27, 2021 at 05:55 PM

AC

“ Angie Carney lit a candle in memory of Dorecia Von Tepe



Angie Carney - September 27, 2021 at 05:52 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dorecia Von Tepe.*



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September 27, 2021 at 04:28 PM