



## Deborah Kay French

June 7, 1962 - September 1, 2023

Deborah Kay French passed away on September 1, 2023. She was born in Bartlesville, Oklahoma to Terrel and Charlotte Taylor on June 7th, 1962. She was the third born of five children. From a young age Debbie had a love for the arts. She was always using her wit and creativity to keep her friends and family entertained. She was actively involved in choir and the newspaper throughout her high school and college years. She graduated from College High School in 1980 with many academic achievements and scholarships. Debbie chose to continue her education at Harding University where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in education. She spent her life following that calling. Debbie married James French Jr. on November 29th, 1986, in their hometown and shortly after journeyed to Zimbabwe, Africa to teach at Nhowe Mission School. Upon returning to the United States, she continued to teach children within the local school system. Debbie was an educator with Bartlesville Public Schools for thirty years where she poured into the lives of countless children. She did her most important work within her home as a dedicated wife, mother and friend using her time and talents to bless those around her. She will be remembered for her authentic personality and selflessness towards others.

She was preceded in death by her father Terrel Taylor as well as her mother-in-law, Carol French.

She is survived by her husband, James French Jr., children Brad & Hannah Grimm, granddaughter Naomi Grimm, Joel & Julia French, grandson Elijah French, Jim French Sr., Angela Boulanger, John French, Charlotte Taylor, Terri Taylor, Brent Taylor, Toby Taylor, and Greg Taylor as well as their spouses, children, and many other extended family members.

A Victory Service in celebration of Debbie's life will be held at Tyro Christian Church, Saturday September 16th, 2023, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

In lieu of flowers, Debbie wished for donations to be made in her name to Colorado Christian Services Adoption Agency. Colorado Christian Services 3959 E Arapahoe Road #200 Centennial, CO 80122 Tyro Christian Church 301 S Market Street Tyro, Kansas 67364

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP **16.** 2:00 PM (CT)

Tyro Christian Church  
301 S. Market St  
Tyro, KS 67364  
<http://tyrochristian.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Deborah Kay French* ”

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Deborah Kay French* ”

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



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Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - September 15, 2023 at 04:30 PM



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Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - September 15, 2023 at 12:33 PM

MR

“ Sorry for your loss...



Misty Riley - September 14, 2023 at 04:18 PM

CM

“ I'm so sad to hear of Debbie's passing. I was friends with Debbie in junior high and high school. She was one of the smartest and funniest people I've known. She was also incredibly kind and gentle. She taught one of my brother's children in pre-K and they loved her. Sending love and peace to the family in this difficult time.

Christine Meadows - September 10, 2023 at 08:50 AM

HC

“ Both of our kids had the wonderful opportunity to have Debbie as their teacher. She was one of the unique ones - believed in the potential of every child, encouraged, loved and cheered them on to be who they were meant to be. Debbie, you left an amazing legacy with my kids and thousands of others. Thank you!

Heather Crawley - September 08, 2023 at 01:34 PM

JS

“ Jeanne Foreman Shepherd lit a candle in memory of Deborah Kay French



Jeanne Foreman Shepherd - September 05, 2023 at 06:35 PM

RT

*I've known Debbie since her birth, and she always made me happy by her very presence. Our love goes to Jim and the entire family for their loss. We'll definitely see her in Heaven. (Rudy Taylor)*

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**Rudy Taylor** - September 05, 2023 at 07:21 PM