



## Mrs. Denise Lee Morris

August 13, 1956 - August 11, 2020

Denise Lee Morris, 63, danced her way to the gates of Heaven on August 11, 2020.

Denise, or “Nesie” as much of her family calls her, is best-known for her laugh, infectious personality, and witty Halloween costumes. She was the life of the party, and to know her was to love her.

She never met a stranger, and certainly didn’t mind oversharing- from random strangers in a waiting room, to the anonymous personnel calling on the phone that she’d never met, to the co-workers that were like family, anyone and everyone could hear the whole story. Every. Single. Word.

She was the daughter of the late Love Elliott “L.E.” Ross and Shirley Staton. She was the youngest of the five “Ross girls,” and constantly ran in the shadows of her sisters, Veda, Dorothy, Sandy, and Sheila. She always liked to say that their mama loved her best, and I guess she was right because her mama got HER back first.

She spent exactly 36 years married to the love of her life, Gary. You could write a romance novel about their type of love...or just listen to their song, “Islands In The Stream.” She was happiest when those around her were happy. His hobbies were her hobbies—taking care of the cows, tinkering

around the house, mowing the yard, and watching trashy TV together.

Together, she and Gary have three daughters Chasity (Chris), Farrah (Craig) and Bri (Kyle). She liked her daughters, but she loved her grandchildren, Codi (Jessica), Callie, Ross, and Elliott, and great-grandchildren, Kase, Hayden, and Kenzi. Christmas was Denise's favorite holiday. She spent the better part of the months from September to December figuring how best to spoil her family on Christmas Day. She always had a direct line to Santa Claus, and together, they were able to do wonders.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Farmers and Merchants Bank, c/o "Nesie's Nice List", PO Box 696, DeWitt, Arkansas 72042. This year her family would like to honor her memory by providing gifts to those most in need in the DeWitt community.

Funeral services will be 3:00 p.m. Thursday, August 13 at First Baptist Church with burial in Forks LaGrue Cemetery. Masks must be worn inside the church.

## Cemetery Details

### Forks LaGrue Cemetery

DeWitt, AR

## Previous Events

### Service

AUG 13. 3:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of DeWitt  
DeWitt, AR

# Tribute Wall

DA

“ *Darlene Bronson Avery lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Denise Lee Morris*



**Darlene Bronson Avery** - August 18, 2020 at 09:26 PM

AW

“ *Aquinta Woods lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Denise Lee Morris*



**Aquinta Woods** - August 18, 2020 at 08:21 PM

AC

“ *She always greeted me every time I saw her, such a wonderful and loving person. She just Loved my mom Annie Mae Logan. Always had candy for her. And would always tell her just how blessed she was to be 94 years old and getting around good. Mother would always ask me how she was doing, when I would go to the bank. Wonderful person and will truly be missed in our lives!!!!RIP our friend!!!!*

**Alice Clark** - August 18, 2020 at 02:49 AM

KC

“ *Sorry to hear of Denise passing. Gary and the family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Denise was always a sweet person to be around and always had something funny to say.*

**kathy canamore** - August 14, 2020 at 10:20 AM

RW

“ I didn't know Denise personally as much as I knew Gary. Every Christmas looked forward to Gary bringing to the police department her famous pumpkin roll. My condolences to the Morris family.

Rita Wolfe - August 14, 2020 at 08:23 AM

MG

“ I will always remember Denise! She was such a genuine, sincere friend back at DHS. OMG she was so funny! RIL my friend.

Marilyn Graham - August 13, 2020 at 07:18 PM

DK

“ Denise was a sweet, kind & helpful person. Thoughts & Prayers to her family.

Donna & Elmer Kerns

Donna Kerns - August 13, 2020 at 02:53 PM

NA

“ Denise and I had so many fun times together, laughed till we cried, and just goofy stuff. Spent a lot of time in her home with her crazy family. Always laughing! Loved all of them! Especially Denise! You were always so much fun, kind, and devoted! My deepest sympathies to Gary and the Ross girls.

Nancy Neal Hollingsworth

nancy - August 13, 2020 at 10:08 AM

SD

“ Denise was a childhood friend. Had many fun times with her. Graduated high school with her. She always had a positive attitude. Prayers for her family. 🙏

shelia davis - August 13, 2020 at 09:43 AM

DC

“ Donald Crawley purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Denise Lee Morris.



Donald Crawley - August 13, 2020 at 09:08 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Denise Lee Morris.



August 13, 2020 at 12:09 AM

MM

“ Minnie Mannis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Denise Lee Morris



Minnie Mannis - August 13, 2020 at 12:06 AM

WY

“ Never met anyone quite like Denise. Always so bubbly and always had something clever to say. It was truly an honor to work in the same building with her for several years! She will be missed by MANY people. Praying for the family and especially you Gary, May God comfort and bless you all.  
Wendy Young

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Wendy Young - August 12, 2020 at 09:29 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Denise Lee Morris.



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August 12, 2020 at 09:19 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Denise Lee Morris.



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August 12, 2020 at 09:10 PM

RT

“ *Nesie and Gary were so much a part of our lives once Grandpa married Mabel. We used to love going to the IGA and seeing them. She was always bouncing around happy and smiling and spoiling the kids. I remember her taking my baby brother Shaun and dancing around the store once because he was fussy. She will be greatly missed and she was dearly loved. Prayers for Gary and the family. You'll always be family to us.* ”



Robin Poor Taylor - August 12, 2020 at 08:28 PM

NA

“ *If only the world was made up of Nesie's. One of the most nicest, uplifting person I've ever known. May the Lord provide comfort for all of her family.* ”

Nancy - August 12, 2020 at 08:11 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album* ”



Essex Funeral Home - August 12, 2020 at 05:48 PM

NE

*Norm and I are so sorry for the loss of one so dear. Praying for you all. McElroy's.*

Norm and Velma Mc Elroy - August 12, 2020 at 06:47 PM

CO

*Denise was full of joy! Prayers for all the family.*

**carla odell** - August 12, 2020 at 07:08 PM

DB

*Perfect obituary in describing Denise💙 My deepest sympathy 🙏*

**Debbie Bohnert** - August 12, 2020 at 08:10 PM

SO

*One of the best people ive ever met , she will be missed , prayers for her family.*

**Sandra Owens** - August 12, 2020 at 08:53 PM



*always pleasant and friendly with everyone our prayers for the family*

**Lana Martin** - August 12, 2020 at 09:07 PM

SK

*She was always happy, and made others smile. A great friend to many.*

**Sally Keffer** - August 12, 2020 at 11:03 PM

MM

*She was always so happy! Love and prayers Gary!*

**Minnie Mannis** - August 13, 2020 at 12:08 AM

JD

*Loved Denise, I'll never forget one Halloween she was dressed with a lamp shade on her head a table skirt around her waist and I was coming down the steps of the Post Office and she ask me what she was... I said a lamp and table??? she said; NO... A One Night Stand... I'll never forget that. She is soooo loved, so funny and she will never be forgotten.PRAYERS for the family and all of her friends.*

**Johnny Davis** - August 13, 2020 at 10:18 AM