

DIANE COBRA BRANN

1943-2009



WATAUGA: Diane Cobra Brann, 66, a homemaker and craftsperson, died on Monday, September 28, 2009 in North Richland Hills, Texas.

Born Diane Dahl in Detroit, Michigan on September 4, 1943, the daughter of Harold Christian Dahl and Roberta (Sweet) Dahl was married to Alfred Nickles with whom she had four children. She is survived by son Shawn Nickles and wife Andrea, son Harold Nickles and wife Loredana, daughter Tammy Klein and husband Brian, daughter Roberta Wolschon and husband Michael. Surviving grandchildren are Rachel Nickles, Dan Nickles, Ashlee Nickles, Michael Nickles, Christine Behnke, Cindy Behnke, Nadia Nickles, Anna Nickles, and Devin Wolschon. She has one great grandson -Vince Behnke.

She is also survived by her husband Mark Brann, her sisters Sharon Lackie and Gail Dahl-Denkin and brother Gregory Dahl.

Cobra's original birth certificate mistakenly omitted the middle name her parents had chosen for her – Lynn. She compensated by adopting a middle name of a close friend during her second marriage to Mark Brann while they were living in the Middle East during the 1970's.

Cobra had several customer service type occupations over the years. She also studied auto mechanics and worked as a machine operator while her husband continued his college education. Over the last two decades she has played an essential supporting role in her husband's information systems business.

She excelled in crafts and created many decorative arrangements for her husband's clients and many of her friends. With the help of a gifted reading tutor, Cobra largely overcame her dyslexia.

She also enjoyed working on her gardening and landscape projects every place she lived. Her fun-loving, outgoing and empathetic personality allowed her to quickly make friends anywhere she went but she especially enjoyed the company and wisdom of senior citizens. She was a member of the Cankton Swingers during the years she lived in Louisiana. The Swingers brought birthday cakes and music to the seniors residing at assisted living centers every month. It brought joy to her when she could touch someone's heart.

In recent years, Cobra has been spending as much time as she could in Chico, Texas.

Texas Memorial services will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2009 at Morris Memorial United Methodist Church, 302 S. Weatherford Street, Chico Texas 76431, (940) 644-5186. A formal memorial service begins at noon.

A Sandwich and Ice Cream Reception will follow beginning at 1 PM at The Old Drug Store and Soda Fountain, 110 W. Jacksboro Street (on the town square), Chico Texas 76431, (940) 644-5968.

In lieu of flowers, memorials would be appreciated. Please mail to (or call):
The Women's Center of Tarrant County "For Adult Literacy, in memory of Diane Cobra Brann"
1723 Hemphill Street, Fort Worth, TX. 7610, 817-927-4006

Cobra was a bone and tissue donor. Contact any local hospital for more information.

Lucas Funeral Home – 1321 Precinct Line Road – Hurst, TX

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