



Deni Grace Pettit

July 23, 2014 - May 30, 2025

Deni Grace Pettit “Denzel Washington” passed away on May 30, 2025, at the age of 10,

following a 2-year battle with chordoma cancer.

Deni was born in Texarkana, TX on July 23, 2014, to Laykin LaCaze (Buster) and P.J. Pettit and

raised by Laykin and husband Logan LaCaze.

Even though Deni was taken from us much too soon, she was able to teach us so much in such a

short amount of time, namely, to always trust in the Lord, to never stop fighting, and to never give up.

As Deni described herself as being helpful, kind, and loving, she was so much more than that.

She was strong in faith, selfless, genuine, courageous, creative, ambitious, compassionate,

enthusiastic, radiant, feisty, and sometimes (a lot) sarcastically humorous.

Deni loved to draw (even sold a few art pieces of her artwork). She had an infinite love for

music, volunteering to help other kids in need, making people laugh, making people feel loved,

and playing on the beach.

Remaining to cherish Deni’s memory are her parents Laykin and Logan

LaCaze, P.J. Pettit and Jennifer Routier; three brothers, Corbin, Maddox, and Mason Pettit; two sisters, Katelyn Pettit and Dixie LaCaze; grandparents, Ronald and Angie Buster, Trudy Dooley, Wendy and DJ Burkeen, Shawn and Pat LaCaze; great-grandparent, Esther Buster, along with many aunts, uncles, cousins and lots of special friends, way too many to name. Preceding Deni in death are her great-grandparents, Ina and Ed Shanfish; Dennis Buster, Elsie Moses, and Buddy L. Adams.

A special thanks to Sky High for Kids, Ronald McDonald House Greater Houston, Tough Kookie Foundation, and many more.

Visitation will be held June 6, 2025, from 6-8pm at Madden Funeral Home in Ashdown, AR.

Funeral will be held on June 7, 2025, at 2pm with graveside service at Blackerby Cemetary.

Officiating Brother Donnie Edwards.

There will be a celebration of life benefit July 26, 2025, at 2pm at Twin Creek Pavillion, 125

Private Road 1216, Texarkana, AR.

Cemetery Details

Blackerby Cemetery

184 LR 33
Ashdown, AR 71822

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Madden Funeral Home - Ashdown
371 N 3rd Street
PO Box 428
Ashdown, AR 71822
(870) 898-3331
<https://maddenfuneralservice.com/>

Funeral Service

JUN 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

Madden Funeral Home - Ashdown
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Interment

JUN 7 (CT)

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184 LR 33
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Tribute Wall



“ *Madden Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Deni Grace Pettit*



Madden Funeral Home - June 04, 2025 at 11:24 AM

MF

We love you all. Deni you are going to be so missed. My sassy, sarcastic, sweet little friend. 🐢 Love Always, Michelle and Josh

Michelle Finn - June 04, 2025 at 05:11 PM

CB

“ *I was 11 1/2 when I finally got to meet my cousin Deni and when I met her for the first time in forever I told her I wasn't going to leave her then DHS came and got me that when I first got to meet her and now.... I wish I would've been there for her but when mama said she passed I denied the death but now its like we are starting a new year with out her precious life. Sorry I'm crying now because she was supposed to turn 12 this year but god called her home*

calise V Baldwin - January 13 at 02:51 PM

SP

“ Wow am just not seeing this my prayers go out to her friends in family in her mom in dad I know the pain she will be missed all are in my deepest prayers 🙏🙏🌹🌹🌹



Sister Marie payne - June 12, 2025 at 12:40 AM

BA

“ Bill Anderson lit a candle in memory of Deni Grace Pettit



Bill Anderson - June 08, 2025 at 09:52 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Deni Grace Pettit.

June 06, 2025 at 05:41 PM

CA

“ Carrie A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deni Grace Pettit.

Carrie A. - June 05, 2025 at 09:56 AM

SS

“ SMP Supply purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Deni Grace Pettit.



SMP Supply - June 05, 2025 at 08:53 AM

SS

“ SMP Supply planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deni Grace Pettit.

SMP Supply - June 05, 2025 at 08:53 AM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Deni Grace Pettit.



June 05, 2025 at 12:40 AM

MH

“ Hugs and kisses she will be missed dearly bye everyone.



Malissa Haskell - June 04, 2025 at 11:08 AM

AL

“ Aunt Sharon Long purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Deni Grace Pettit.



Aunt Sharon Long - June 03, 2025 at 07:38 PM

AL

“ Aunt Sharon Long planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deni Grace Pettit.

Aunt Sharon Long - June 03, 2025 at 07:38 PM

PS

“ P&I Supply purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Deni Grace Pettit.



P&I Supply - June 03, 2025 at 02:50 PM

BF

“ I just want to everyone is in my thoughts and prayers and I love yall. Fly high Deni this isn't goodbye it's see you later .Love you baby



Barbara Fant - June 03, 2025 at 01:51 PM

CK

“ Sending all love, hugs, and prayers I have to y'all.



Christy Krieger - June 02, 2025 at 09:32 PM

MK

“ It was 2016 when I first met Deni and Corbin J. It was Jackson Routier's birthday, and I did face painting for the kids. Deni agreed to having her face painted like a bunny. Corbin J was a tiger, and Jackson was Batman. It always tickled me that as a little guy Corbin J was insistent his name was Corbin J, emphasis on the "J" lol. It was a fun filled birthday party for the kids. When it was Deni's turn, she sat there so patiently and quietly while I painted her sweet little face. We instantly became best friends. She sat in my lap most of the evening and my heart was won over! She will always be this beautiful, lovable, precious baby girl. I will always cherish and be thankful to God this little angel pasted through my life. It is not often we get to share the love of Gods great blessings. It is my privilege to have known you Deni Pettit and I look forward to seeing you in heaven when it's my turn to come home. Meet me at the gate with your wings stretched out so I can see how well you fly. I love you sweet baby, Ms. Kathy



Ms. Kathy - June 02, 2025 at 07:48 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Deni Grace Pettit.*



June 02, 2025 at 07:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Deni Grace Pettit.

June 02, 2025 at 07:20 PM



“ *Josh & Angela Carver purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Deni Grace Pettit.*



Josh & Angela Carver - June 02, 2025 at 06:37 PM