



## Dianna Arey Denton

April 4, 1943 - April 30, 2018

Dianna Arey Denton, age 75, of Morrilton, Arkansas, passed away Monday, April 30, 2018. She was born April 4, 1943 in Haskell, Arkansas, a daughter of Olen Vess Arey and Ivanette Gault Arey.

Dianna, who was affectionately known by her students as Ms. D., was a drama teacher for more than a decade in DeWitt, Arkansas, and for 28 years at Morrilton High School. Through the dramatic arts, she created an artistic outlet and safe haven for students from every walk of life, from jocks and cheerleaders to the socially marginalized. Dianna not only helped countless students make it through some of the most difficult years of their lives but encouraged them to celebrate who they are.

She is survived by her sons, Shawn (Cindy) Denton of Morrilton and Jerod (Rebecca) Denton of Nashville, Tennessee; brother, Glen (Doris) Arey of Weatherford, Texas; sister, Janice (Jimmy) Hulsizer of Florence, Alabama; grandchildren, Damian Denton and Drew Denton of Morrilton and Parker Denton and Sawyer Denton of Nashville, Tennessee; and great grandson, Raylan Denton of Morrilton.

Please join the family of Dianna Denton to celebrate her life and legacy at the Morrilton Devil Dog Arena on Saturday, May 19th, at 2:00 pm. Donations by check in lieu of flowers can be sent to 100 Baramore St., Morrilton, AR, 72110, to help support Thespian Troupe 3131 and Morrilton High School drama department.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Dianna Arey Denton*

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January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *So sad to here of the passing of Mrs. D. she was such a great teacher. It is because of her dedication to her students that I know what is a prepositional phrase. My thoughts and prayers are with her family. I was a class of 79' graduate from DeWitt. She will be dearly missed.*

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**Annette Brown-Bledsoe** - June 29, 2018 at 04:59 PM



“ *Ms. D was one of the sweetest, kindest women I have ever had the privilege of knowing. She always had a smile on her face and a warm hug to greet me. You will be greatly missed by myself, as well the majority of our community. Rest well in the arms of Jesus dear friend. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**La Rue Holloway** - June 29, 2018 at 04:59 PM



“ *I'll never forget this amazing lady! She would always make my day so much better just by a smile or a short conversation. She made people more confident in themselves, and I'm extremely grateful to have known her.*

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**Hunter Garrett** - June 29, 2018 at 04:59 PM

JF

“ Dianne was quite the trooper these last months never complaining and always asking about everyone else. She had a beautiful soul I enjoyed our visits and I will miss her . Rest in peace my dear friend. My thoughts and prayers for the family

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**Jane Fortuso** - June 29, 2018 at 04:59 PM

BH

“ I will always love you. I will miss you. You were the best teacher

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**Barbara Hurd-Grace** - June 29, 2018 at 04:59 PM

AJ

“ Mrs. D was an awesome influence not only in my life but in many others. We were all her babies and learned so much from her. I can still remember the tongue twisters had to recite and making it rain. She never forgot a face and would always speak no matter how far out of the way she had to go. I had the pleasure of not only being taught Mrs. D in high school I also had the pleasure of being taught by her in college. I pray for strength for her family and loved ones during this time.

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**Amanda Jones** - June 29, 2018 at 04:59 PM

LM

“ Richard and I were saddened to hear of Dianna's passing. Unable to attend the memorial we wish to send condolences to the entire family.

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**Lynda Murray** - June 29, 2018 at 04:59 PM

DA

“ She was a very sweet person RIL Mrs.Dianna

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**Darlene Bronson Avery** - June 29, 2018 at 04:59 PM

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“ Prayers to the family. She was one of my favorite teachers.  
Graduate of 1987

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**Beverly McGinnis (Hamm)** - June 29, 2018 at 04:59 PM

JD

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends..

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**janet Davis** - June 29, 2018 at 04:59 PM

BS

“ Dianna was a ray of sunshine and could light up a room with her smile and laugh. She was a "Drama Queen" in the best sense of the words. Her struggle in life is over, and she is at peace. She will be missed. Know of my prayers.

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**Beth Sharbaugh** - June 29, 2018 at 04:59 PM

MB

“ Dianna was one of the patrons at the library. She always came in with a smile and such a sweet, sweet spirit. She loved audio books and checked them out on a routine basis. We will definitely miss her. My prayers are with her loved ones at this difficult time. Getting to know her was truly a blessing.

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**Mary Bell** - June 29, 2018 at 04:59 PM

RP

“ *Ms. D was my all time favorite teacher. She gave me a love for poetry and drama. She was always so encouraging to me. I was never popular, but she made me feel special. My heart hurt the day she left DeWitt. We lost touch and I often wondered about her through the years. A friend of mine was able to tell me where she was many years ago. I was glad to reconnect and know how she was doing finally. She was the nicest, most encouraging teacher I ever had and I know she touched many students lives through the years. She will be greatly missed. But I know her love and joy will continue to shine for many years for all the lives she touched. Rest in Peace Ms. D!!*

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**Robin Poor-Taylor** - June 29, 2018 at 04:59 PM

TC

“ *Condolences to the family*

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**Tashaunda Canady** - June 29, 2018 at 04:59 PM

TW

“ *Dianna Arey Denton*

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**tom wallace** - June 29, 2018 at 04:59 PM

NB

“ *My condolences to Dianna's family. I taught with her in DeWitt and enjoyed visiting with her at the country club pool and tennis courts! She was a beloved teacher at both the middle school and high school.*

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**Nancy Lott Briggs** - June 29, 2018 at 04:59 PM

SC

“ I like many others loved Ms.D, she was an all time favorite teacher of mine and Dewitt High School was never the same after she moved away. The yearly High School plays were so much fun while she was involved. I too will not forget prepositional phrases, how to diagram a sentence and can still quote Romeo and Juliet Thanks to her teaching methods. Her legacy will continue to live on in the many students lives she touched.

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**Shelly Cotner-Richardson** - June 29, 2018 at 04:59 PM

LD

“ I will miss being able to visit and have lunch with you, I'm very thankful to have you part of my, Harry's and Ethel's life. Love always. Larry

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**Larry Dunnington** - June 29, 2018 at 04:59 PM

SC

“ WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE GREAT TIMES WE HAD AT OAK HILLS COUNTRY CLUB SWIMMING POOL IN DEWITT.

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**STEVEN COTTEN** - June 29, 2018 at 04:59 PM

WH

“ My prayers and thought are with the family of Mrs Denton- She was my English teacher at Dewitt High School . May God co to use My thoughts and prayers are with Mrs Denton s family She was my English teacher at DeWitt High SchoolMay God continue to give you peace

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**Winnie Holt** - June 29, 2018 at 04:59 PM

PR

“ *What a wonderful teacher/mentor she was! We moved to Morrilton in 1999 and my son Josh Pruett was a Senior. He had left behind all of his friends and the High School that he loved to move with us to Morrilton. Ms. D took him under her wing and gave him many opportunities to shine! What could have been a terrible experience for him turned into such a blessed Senior year because of Ms. D. We lost our beloved Josh in 2010 to cancer. I can't help but think that he and Ms. D are up in Heaven right now working on some fabulous Musical!! I will never forget her kindness toward him and how she helped him fit in. Rest in Peace sweet lady!*

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**Pam Rascoe** - June 29, 2018 at 04:59 PM

RT

“ *Was so sorry to hear bout Dianna.she was a friend for many years .I was in the dramaplays little bit of ARK she helped with.she will be missed*

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**Rhonda Tanner** - June 29, 2018 at 04:59 PM