



Deneen McMurry Cochran

January 2, 1936 - August 4, 2022

Deneen McMurry Cochran, loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother passed away peacefully on August 4, 2022 surrounded by her family. She was born January 2, 1936, in Bailey, Texas to Lila Mae and Wyatt McMurry. The family moved to Bonham, Texas where Deneen was raised and met the one man with whom she would share her life, John D. Cochran. They were high school sweethearts and on June 9, 1956 were married at the First Methodist Church of Bonham.

Deneen worked as an executive assistant in Fort Worth and Houston while John attended dental school. They began their family in Altus, Oklahoma where John completed his commitment to the Air Force.

In 1960, they moved to San Antonio. It was there that they raised their children and made countless lifelong friends. An excellent cook and consummate host, Deneen enjoyed preparing holiday dinners for extended family and friends. "Dee", as called by her grandchildren, was adored for her southern cooking and legendary buttermilk cake. She was a force to be reckoned with, fiercely independent and counterbalanced by an untempered love for her family and friends.

Deneen was a devoted member of First Presbyterian Church. She was an active member of The San Antonio Dental Alliance where she served as President and was a member for over 60 years. She was a long-time member of Oak Hills Country Club where she spent many Sundays after church playing golf. Her real passion was Bridge, which she played weekly.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Dr. John D. Cochran; son-in-law, Tom J. Fatjo Jr. and sister, Jo McGouirk. Deneen is survived by her children; son, Devin and wife Eileen, daughter, Shawanna Fatjo, son, Kelly and wife Catherine; grandchildren, Cullen Cochran and wife Hilary, Ian Cochran and Jack Cochran, Austin Fatjo and wife Ally, Ashley Fatjo, Jacqueline Wiggs and husband David and Channing Fatjo, Jonathan Cochran and Lauren Cochran; great grandchildren, John Cochran, Walker Fatjo and Kennedy Fatjo.

The family would like to thank the wonderful people that cared for Deneen in her final weeks. She loved their company and truly viewed them as friends. Thank you, Barbara, Liz, Yolanda, Lydia and Delores as well as all of the people at The Towers at Park Lane.

SERVICES

Memorial services will be held Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 1:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church, 404 North Alamo, San Antonio, TX 78205. Deneen will be laid to rest at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift to San Antonio Christian Dental Clinic [//www.bit.ly/3daFqfu](http://www.bit.ly/3daFqfu) or a charity of your choice, in her name.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 11. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
404 N. Alamo
San Antonio, TX 78205

Tribute Wall

LL

“My condolences to Devin, Shawwna, Kelly and families. “Aunt” Deneen was so much a part of my growing up years and I have so many memories of vacations together and many trips to San Antonio with my family. What I most remember of your mom is her laugh. It was contagious and genuine. It makes me smile just thinking about it. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Blessings to you!

Lee Ann Coulson Liebst

Lee Ann Coulson Liebst - August 13 at 11:45 AM



“Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Deneen McMurry Cochran.



August 09 at 08:07 PM



“Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Deneen McMurry Cochran.



August 09 at 01:51 PM

JB

“As one of the many friends of Shawwna and Devin, I first met this beautiful woman at Shawwna’s birthday party when we were in the sixth grade. In true Southern style, Mrs. Cochran made me feel so welcome, which is not easily accomplished with a 12yr old boy.

James Brooks - August 08 at 08:36 AM

AL

“Mrs. Cochran was my idol when I was growing up, I thought she was so Beautiful. I also loved her name Deneen. Our families went to church together. Dr. Cochran was our Dentist. Had many dinner parties at our home. I will miss her.
Amy Weilbacher Lewis

Amy Weilbacher Lewis - August 05 at 10:33 PM

QB

“ *My parents were lifelong friends of the Cochran's. Both were active in SA Dental Society and OakHills CC . I really enjoyed visiting with Deneen call mom and dad lived at the Towers. Love the Cochran family. My prayers are with the family. Deneen was a special person. God Bless.*

Quincy Barnes - August 05 at 08:48 PM



Thank you Quincy, we have missed seeing your dad too:). It's been a sad year for both the Cochran's and the Barnes but you know there is a party going on upstairs:). Blessings back to you too!

Eileen Cochran - August 06 at 03:49 PM

AP

Devin, Shawwna, Kelly and families, God bless you all on the loss of your matriarch. She was certainly one to be admired, always the perfect lady, always smiling and welcoming. May she Rest In Peace. My love to all of you and your families.

Audrey Posell - August 09 at 01:21 PM

SC

“ *I have so memories of John and Deneen I could fill a book. And of you kids. You will have happy times remembering her. Even though there will be an emptiness in your hearts. Love to you all*

sarah coulson - August 05 at 05:41 PM



And what a book it would be! True, our hearts are feeling a bit empty but the memories fill in the gaps with enough joy to make it tolerable. We love you Sarah!

Eileen Cochran - August 06 at 03:52 PM

SN

I am so sorry to hear that Deneen has passed on. Deneen and I both began our lives together. We were married to two young men who were becoming Doctors of Dentistry. Deneen and I both had 4 children at the same time. We both went together with our husbands to get to know each other. Our children are all friends, and they loved Deneen, and are sad to hear of her passing. We will never forget Deneen.

Sue Noble, Pat Noble, Julie Noble, & the loss of our son, Frank Noble

Sue Noble - August 12 at 03:53 PM

SN

Doctor Joe Noble was the last of my children who became a Doctor of Dentistry, and he was present for all of us on Thursday to show our love for Deneen as she moves on. Sue Noble

Sue Noble - August 12 at 09:05 PM