



Deborah Ruth Sturm

March 21, 1956 - January 9, 2026

Deborah Ruth Sturm "Debbie", 69 of Troutman, NC, silently and peacefully became an angel of heaven on Friday, January 9th, 2026, in the company of family at her side. She was born March 21, 1956, in Big Lake, TX, to the late Edward R. and Mable Hunt Rowan.

In Addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers Don and Dan Rowan, and her daughter Dalana Louise Sturm-Kief.

Always known as a West-Texas Cowgirl, Debbie's Picture could be found in the dictionary by the word Firecracker. Growing up, she traveled the world, living in Malta, Palma and London England while her father worked on Oil Rigs. When she grew older, she found a career in sales, success soon followed and those who knew her, knew, she could sell ice to an Eskimo. Her career took her many places, Radio Stations like WCLG, companies like the Yellow Pages Thomas Regional and more. In her later career she excelled for companies like Background Investigation Bureau (BIB) as well as being a Dispatcher and Sales for The Plumbing Company of the Carolinas.

Above all Debbie loved her family. The time she was able to spend with them meant more to her than words could ever say. Known lovingly as The Warden, all the kids and grandkids knew when you stayed with "Granny" Her rules were to be followed.

Outside of the joy she found being with family, most endearingly her Grandchildren, Debbie enjoyed many hobbies, including golfing, bowling, and game nights with family. In her later years she became passionate about her

love of Texas Hold'em Poker. Having the Honor of even winning a coveted World Series of Poker Championship ring.

She leaves behind a wonderful lasting legacy to be cherished by her survivors, her husband of 44 years, Thomas F. Sturm, married on May 8th, 1982. Her daughters, Angela Sturm of Fredericksburg VA, Sarah Fletcher and husband, Bill Fletcher of, CA. Her son, Thomas E Sturm and family Charlene Keeler, Caitlin Bleau and Jarred Johnson of Union Grove NC. Her grandchildren, Samantha Pearsall-Towner and husband, Cameron Towner, Trey Pearsall and wife, Delaney Pearsall, Aidan Mullins, Riley Sturm-Kief, Jacob Mills, Liam Fletcher, Nicky Mills, Logan Fletcher and Kristian Mills, and her great-grandchild, Benjamin Sturm-Kief.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 3:00 PM, Monday, January 19, 2026, at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, 494 East Plaza Drive Mooresville, NC 28115.

The family will receive friends prior to the service from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM at the funeral home.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville is proudly serving the Sturm family.

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

JAN 19. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive
 Mooresville, NC 28115

Memorial Service

JAN 19. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Chapel
494 E. Plaza Drive
 Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall

LB

“ Love, John, Dawn, Abigail, and Benjamin purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Deborah Ruth Sturm.



Love, John, Dawn, Abigail, and Benjamin - January 18 at 11:11 PM

AM

“ Amanda purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Deborah Ruth Sturm.



Amanda - January 17 at 09:07 AM

TC

“ The Plumbing Company purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Deborah Ruth Sturm.



The Plumbing Company - January 16 at 08:42 PM

TC

“ The Plumbing Company planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deborah Ruth Sturm.

The Plumbing Company - January 16 at 08:42 PM

JM

“ Judy and Bill Mullins purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Deborah Ruth Sturm.



Judy and Bill Mullins - January 16 at 03:09 PM

RR

“ Randy and Renee Rousseau purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Deborah Ruth Sturm.



Randy and Renee Rousseau - January 15 at 04:30 PM

DD

“ Dale Dyer purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Deborah Ruth Sturm.



Dale Dyer - January 15 at 11:41 AM

RW

“ Ron and Sherry Wilson purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Deborah Ruth Sturm.



Ron and Sherry Wilson - January 13 at 08:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deborah Ruth Sturm.*



January 13 at 01:04 AM



“ *Tina & Cathy Winkler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deborah Ruth Sturm.*

Tina & Cathy Winkler - January 13 at 01:04 AM



“ *Prayers for peace and comfort to the family 🇺🇸🙏.*

Laura Ruhstorfer - January 12 at 09:04 PM



“ *Deepest condolences to the Sturm family. From the Palmieri family (Mooresville).*

MaryJo Palmieri - January 12 at 07:52 PM