



Dee Belew

October 21, 1942 - December 24, 2018

Zelma Dee Covington Belew, beloved wife of Charles Edward Belew, was present with the Lord Jesus Christ December 24, 2018. She lived in Frisco, Texas. Dee Dee was born to Pete and Zelma Mae Covington October 21, 1942. She is survived by her sister Nina Mason of Plano, TX; and two brothers, Kelly of Dawson, TX, and Kirby Covington of Krugerville, TX. Her siblings called her Dee Dee. She was mother to and survived by daughters Stefanie Galloway Cox (McKinney), Paige Belew Akard and husband John (Houston), son Cash Belew and wife Jami (McKinney), and daughter Carly Belew Engibous and husband Ryan (Houston). Her children called her Mama. She was blessed with and survived by 7 grandchildren: Nathan Cox (McKinney), Jonathan Cox (McKinney), Abigail Akard (Houston), John Akard III (Houston), Isaac Engibous (Houston), Isabel Engibous (Houston), and Shiloh Engibous (Houston). Her grandkids called her Mimi. Dee had an amazing daily caregiver - Odilia Lemaster - who is more family than friend and provided the most loving and compassionate care of Dee in her last years of life. Odilia called her Dee. She graduated from Carrollton High School, class of 1961, and still kept in touch with her classmates after 50+ years. Diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis, she fought the progression of the disease for 35 years. Dee was adored and loved deeply by her husband Charles. He had many names for her - Zola being a favorite. They enjoyed 47 years of marriage, recently celebrating their anniversary in early December 11, 1971 in Las Vegas, NV. They enjoyed traveling to Colorado and California together

after their retirement from the funeral business in 2001. Charles and Dee owned and operated Belew Funeral Home in McKinney, Texas from 1989-1996. Dee ran the front office of the funeral home, arranged flowers, met with grieving families, and made everyone she encountered feel as if they were the most important person in the world. She was kind, loving, compassionate and gentle. We all knew her by many names - Dee, Dee Dee, Zelma Dee, Mama, Mimi, or Zola. Whatever name she was called by the people she encountered, a few things remain the same for all that knew her: she was generous with her time, always present, and she loved to give gifts. She never complained of her disease or pain. Instead, in moments of pain, she would pray for her children aloud until she could speak no more. We grieve that she is absent from the body here on earth. We rejoice that she is present with Jesus. We miss her voice, her touch and her presence. We are thankful that she had a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and we rejoice in hope knowing that she is pain free, whole and restored, and singing and dancing in heaven. "We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, concerning those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, in the same way, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep." I Thessalonians 4:13-14

Visitation will be held 10:00AM-11:30AM, Saturday, December 29, 2018 at Slay Memorial Chapel in Aubrey, TX and the funeral service will begin at 11:30AM. Burial will follow at Alvord Cemetery in Alvord, TX. Online condolences may be shared at www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com. Memorial donations may be made to Hope Cottage, 609 Texas Street, Dallas, Texas 75204.

Arrangements are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

To send a flower arrangement to the family of Dee Belew, please click here to visit our Sympathy Store.

Tribute Wall

VT

“ Charles and Carly...Jim and I are praying for your sad hearts each day. No words can comfort you right now. But, Dees gracious, loving spirit and amazing love for all of her family will give you strength to face each day. And God promises that His promises are new every morning. We love you all and count ourselves BLESSED to have known sweet Dee.

Vickie and Jim Thompson - December 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ There could not possibly have been a sweeter, kinder nor more beautiful woman in every way than DeeDee. I have admired and adored her my entire life. Very saddened that she is gone and grateful she has such a wonderful family who was with her and still have each other's love and support.

Cathia Gantz - December 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ Charles, we are truly heartbroken for your loss. Dee was a wonderful friend and neighbor who was never without a smile or a kind word. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time of sorrow.

Paul & Kim Gosnell - December 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *What a blessing to have Dee as a neighbor and friend. A gracious elegant lady who loved her family greatly. She looked forward to and treasured the time she shared with her children & grandchildren. Regardless of her pain she always welcomed our visits with her great smile. Our thoughts and prayers are with Charles and her family at this difficult time.*

Toni & Tom Fabry - December 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *Charles, we are saddened with you and the kids at the loss of Dees earthly body. But, oh do we rejoice that she now is home with our Lord and Savior. Kay and I loved her sweet smile and gentle voice. Now, the angels rejoice with her! Lord, bless this precious family.*
Mickey and Kay Love

Mickey Love - December 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JZ

“ *Dee was an amazing woman. She was always so kind. She had a positive attitude that has been and will stay with me forever. Thank you, Dee, for being a shining example of elegance and grace in the face of great adversity. You will not be forgotten.*

Jennifer Zomnir - December 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Dee Dee was a beautiful person mentally as well as physically. Throughout her life, she always had a kind word and a smile for everyone, even when the rheumatoid arthritis advanced to critically painful levels. She leaves many beautiful memories behind for all who knew her that will never be forgotten and for that we are thankful.*

Cecil Lavern Hale - December 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ *Dee Dee was a wonderful woman who will always live in our hearts. Love and hugs to Stefanie and the entire family.*

Elaine Moock - December 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *I am forever grateful for Dee Dee as her beloved Spirit has given me the gift of a beautiful friend, her daughter, Stefanie Cox. I have had the incredible pleasure of meeting Dee Dee and witnessing her sweet, nurturing character and love for her children and grandchildren. She will be forever missed but I take great pleasure in knowing that she is now at home in the Heavens, free from the crippling pain she endured for so many years with rheumatoid arthritis. The beauty is that it never defined her. She carried a strength beyond any other person I have ever known. She lived so very unselfishly. Her love was for family & all who had the pleasure to meet her. Her strength will endure in spirit through her children, grandchildren and continued generations. God bless you Dee Dee. You are among the Angels now giving Grace to all those in need. In lieu of flowers, I have chosen to make a donation to The Arthritis National Research Foundation in hopes new research may soon find a cure & relief for others who are left to endure such a painful disease. Hope is around the corner! Dee Dee, may God bless & keep your family safe, in good health, & with the Joy of your beautiful spirit!*

Claire Callaham - December 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Dee Dee, you were a very special person. Always a kind word and a smile. We will miss you so much, but know that you are in a better place. I know God welcomed you into his heavenly kingdom and you wait for us. All of us loved you so much.*

Judy Scamardo - December 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ *Dee Dee was a very special person, possessing beauty, brains, personality and humility. She was a leader, example and friend whom all in our Carrollton High School class of '61 loved dearly. Most importantly, however, she was a servant of her Lord, Jesus Christ and is safely in His presence for eternity. We will miss you Dee Dee, for a while.*

Arthur Gravley - December 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM