



## Deborah Elaine Tomblinson

December 19, 1951 - November 22, 2019

Deborah Tomblinson, 67, of Tulsa, OK, or "Debby" as she was known to all, passed away at her residence, Friday, November 22, 2019. She was born on Wednesday, December 19, 1951, in Kansas City, MO, to William "Bill" Theodore Tomblinson and the recently deceased, Martha Sue (Braden) Tomblinson. Debby was a devoted daughter and sister, and loyal friend. She loved teaching children, and was proud to have retired as a dedicated, Junior High English teacher in the Collinsville public school system. Debby was a voracious reader, and a talented artist, where she exercised her creativity with her lovely oil paintings. She is survived by two sisters, June Ferguson and husband, Frank of Portales, NM, and Karen Beth Bottom of Atlanta, GA; brother, William Gary Tomblinson of Tulsa, OK; two nieces; three nephews; and a lifetime of friends. She was preceded in death by her parents. Debby will be greatly missed in the days ahead, but her spirit and memories will live on within each of us, because we were privileged to have her in our lives.

Private Family Service  
Moore's Eastlawn Chapel  
1908 S. Memorial Dr.  
Tulsa, OK  
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# Comments

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“ A Lucky Student To Have Had Her! lit a candle in memory of Deborah Elaine Tomblinson



A lucky student to have had her! - November 27, 2019 at 10:17 PM

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“ Ms. Tomblinson was such an amazing teacher. She was so passionate about the kids she taught and about reading. She is one of the reasons why my love for reading is so intense. She inspired me to reach out of my comfort zone and try reading different genres, which I would've never done otherwise. She will be so greatly missed.

Nicole Roller - November 27, 2019 at 11:53 AM

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“ I remember being in her class, she was a great teacher. I remember some students were talking about another student and she said " Don't talk about someone who is not here to stand up for themselves". I have used that everyday of my life since I first heard her say it. Not only a great English teacher but a knowledgeable and passionate one also.

Anonymous Previous 8th Grade Student - November 27, 2019 at 11:23 AM

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“ For my friend Ann Tomblinson  
We all have grown because of Debby's blessings she bestowed upon society, memories in many hearts, English is a tough subject to understand, and she taught. I remember most all of my English teachers, barely passing the class too! Sharing her life story will keep Debby there in the foreground for generational admiration and possibly, to walk into her shoes. True blessings are inspiration and the love of ancestry is to me, the very blessed of family blessings. Prayers for our loss and for comforting whispers of something remarkable that Debby would have said to us. Be blessed always by her kind word and smile within your minds eye. To light a candle will always be the beacon she became to family friends and society, as a lighthouse is to those at sea. Safety and security. Godspeed



“ Ms. Tomblinson was one of the reasons I became a teacher. She was my 8th grade English teacher and I had the honor of teaching with her for a few years before she retired. All that knew her admired her. She was one of a kind and those taught with her always admired and aspired to be more like her. Thank you Ms. T for touching so many lives.

Ashley Powell - November 24, 2019 at 08:57 PM



“ That is awesome opposum, 8th grade teacher. I will be saying thank you for Debby myself. She's touching lives still to this present time. I think Debby was wondrous for sure. Messenger with irredescent wings...

Patty Peters-Scott - November 27, 2019 at 11:14 AM

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“ Debbie was the type of person to whom everyone gravitated for encouragement, answers to problem situations, and professional direction. She was an amazing person. She always had a good word to say and a listening ear. She never considered herself to be an expert, but everyone who knew and worked with her trusted her professional opinions. We all loved her, although I'm not sure she completely grasped how much! She just didn't think of herself in those terms. Debbie's whole life was directed toward others. I counted her as my dear friend. She listened to me, gave advice, and even scolded when needed. She leaves a gap in the lives of all who knew her. We will miss her infectious laugh, her wonderful smile, and her enthusiasm. I loved teaching with her and know there are many students who look back at their time with her as a turning point in their lives. all our lives are better because she passed our way.  
Karen Rowden,  
Librarian, Collinsville Middle School, 1982-2014  
retired

Karen Rowden - November 24, 2019 at 05:02 PM



“ Well said with true tenderness in her sweet mannerisms that shines forth in warmth and affection. I truly love thoughts and true life stories of those who lit the world in positive ways in such a harsh world. I do hope many of her commendable remembrances will live onward as a token of inspiration for many generations to come. Blessings that keep blessing others to bless. U are a good woman, to speak aloud about your friendship, I think so anyhow. Be blessed when u look at your reflection in a mirror and that mirror also may be inside your minds eye, u grew with Debby she lives on in you, not just beautiful, now gorgeous.

Patty Peters-Scott - November 27, 2019 at 11:07 AM



“ Karen Rowden I know that you share the same passion about teaching that Ms. Tomblinson did. I have great memories of you both from junior high and loved going to academic meets as one of your students. I remember spending a lot more time in the library because you were always there to help and I also remember being disappointed when I got to high school that their librarian wasn't as cool as you were. I will surely miss Ms. Tomblinson as the years go by so fast that a decade sometimes feels like mere minutes but we all get to go home someday, I suppose.

**Andy Roller** - November 27, 2019 at 01:33 PM

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“ I was stunned to read of Debbie's passing in the Tulsa World today. I taught at Collinsville with Debbie and we carpooled for a number of years. She was a great friend and a wonderful teacher. Many great memories. I am so sorry for your loss, she will be greatly missed by all her co-workers and students. Margaret Critchnau

**Margaret Critchnau** - November 24, 2019 at 04:31 PM