

# Debby Kay Golden



## Celebration of Life

10:00AM, Saturday, April 4th, 2026

Morris Gymnasium  
Morris, OK



## ENTERED INTO LIFE

January 5, 1962  
Okmulgee, Oklahoma



## GAINED HER WINGS

March 28, 2026  
Morris, Oklahoma

## Order of Service



- Welcome
- Opening Prayer
- Scripture
- Obituary
- Sermon
- Slide Show
- Closing Prayer



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# Celebrating THE LIFE OF



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## Life Story

Debby Kay Golden passed away at her home on March 28, 2026, at the age of 64. Debby was born on January 5, 1962, in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, to Kenneth Beard and Norma Green-Beard. She graduated with honors from Beggs High School in 1980, where she played cornet in the Jazz Band and was a twirler for the Marching Band. During her high school years, Debby was a true pioneer. She broke barriers as the first female member of Beggs FFA, excelling in public speaking programs and showing numerous prize-winning pigs and steers. Four years after joining what had been an all-male organization, she graduated as the first female president of the Beggs FFA Chapter. Her deep love for horses also flourished during this time, leading her to be crowned Rodeo Queen and to compete in Play Days, Junior Rodeos, and horse shows. That same year, she had the unique opportunity to tour Europe as a twirler with an agricultural musical ambassador group—an experience she always held close to her heart.

She continued her education at Oklahoma State University, earning her Master's degree in Agricultural Education in 1985. Debby began her teaching career in Guthrie, Oklahoma, where she quickly became known for her passion, dedication, and ability to truly connect with her students. As one of the first female agriculture teachers in Oklahoma, she helped break barriers and open doors for many who would follow in her footsteps. She went on to create a cooperative agriculture program between Boynton and Midway schools and later taught at Checotah and Morris Public Schools, shaping the lives of countless young people along the way.

In 2002, Debby joined Connors State College, where her impact only continued to grow. She was named Division Chair in 2003 and later became Director of Agriculture. With vision and determination, she built the horticulture program from the ground up, including the development of multiple greenhouses that still stand as part of her legacy. She served as advisor for the Ag Ambassadors and was honored as Faculty Member of the Year in 2013. Her contributions to agriculture and education were further recognized when she received the Gold Buckle Award for Equine and Rodeo Supporters.

After an incredible 40-year career in education, Debby retired in 2025. Even in retirement, she remained busy doing what she loved. She spent the past two years working at Hometown Treasures, where she poured her creativity into crafting beautiful floral arrangements. This “part-time” job quickly became a true passion, and her work reflected the care and creativity she brought to everything she did. Debby was also a 25-year member of the Osage Hill OHCE, an involvement that held special meaning as a tribute to her beloved grandmother, Mildred Green.



## Life Story Continued

Debby found joy in life's simple pleasures—gardening, crafting, and canning—and she had a quiet, humble spirit that made her all the more special. She never sought attention, yet her presence naturally drew people in. Whether in a classroom or on a stage, she had a way of making others feel comfortable, valued, and inspired. To her students, she was more than a teacher—she was a mentor, a supporter, and often like a second mom.

Of all the roles she carried, the one she treasured most was “Mom.” Her love for her family was at the center of everything she did. She shared 40 beautiful years of marriage with her soulmate, Bill Golden, and together they built a life filled with love, laughter, and deep devotion.

Debby is survived by her loving husband, Bill Golden; her daughters, Katelyn Golden and her boyfriend Chris, and Kendall Spradlin and her husband Justin; her mother, Norma Green; and her cherished family members, including Linda Beard, Denny Beard and spouse Michele, Vickey Jones, Staci Barrett, Anthony Beard, Lesa Golden, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Kenneth Beard; her grandparents, Mildred and Norman Green; and her in-laws, Bill and Valle Golden.

