

Honoring the Life of Diane LaPorte Frankenberry



"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." — Psalm 34:18

Diane Elizabeth LaPorte Frankenberry, born March 1, 1939, passed away in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Diane E. Frankenberry

La Porte

A mother to 6 children and talented craftswoman

March 1, 1939 – October 14, 2026

Diane Elizabeth LaPorte Frankenberry was born on March 1, 1939, in Hartford, Vermont, to Joseph Albert LaPorte and Elizabeth Clara LaPorte and had an old sister name Draine LaPorte. She later became the stepdaughter of Ethel B. LaPorte and grew up alongside her half-siblings Joseph F. LaPorte, and Sandra LaPorte Phillips.

Diane spent many years living in Grand Prairie, Texas, as well as Macon and Hampton, Georgia, before ultimately residing in Wichita Falls, Texas with her son, Donald, and his wife Loretta. She worked for a long period at Johnson & Johnson in Arlington, Texas.

Diane enjoyed bowling and was part of a senior bowling team named Arbrook at the Forum Bowl in Grand Prairie, Texas where she would occasionally play on the same team with her son, Donald. She also loved knitting and created countless handmade items—oven mitts, socks, toys, and more—which she often sold online or gave away as gifts to her family and friends. Her creativity and craftsmanship were well-known among those who knew her.

Diane was preceded in death by her children Danny Simpson and Jennifer Frankenberry.

Diane is survived by her children: Donald Anthony Simpson, Debra Frankenberry, Robert Frankenberry, and Annette Frankenberry. She is also survived by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

A private cremation will take place, and no formal service is planned at this time.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to her son, Donald Anthony Simpson, who lovingly cared for her in her final days, or to her son-in-law, Mike, who is assisting with final arrangements.

Those wishing to contribute may do so through the family's GoFundMe page:

◆ <https://gofund.me/fb9cf737a>

Arrangements entrusted to her son, Donald, and her son-in-law Mike.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." — Matthew 5:4