



## Dena Dabbs Holmes

July 30, 1958 - January 29, 2022

Modoc, SC – Graveside Services for Mrs. Dena Dabbs Holmes, 63, who entered into rest January 29, 2022, will be conducted Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock in the Holmes Family Cemetery with Brother Eric Shealy presiding. The family will receive friends at the graveside following the service.

Mrs. Holmes was born July 30, 1958 to Dorothy Berry Dabbs and the late Raymond Edgar Dabbs. She was a native of Clearwater, SC, having made Modoc, SC her home for the past 27 years. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and retired from the National Wild Turkey Federation with 22 years of service. Mrs. Holmes had a passion for music and loved gardening. She had a creative mind and enjoyed crafting, sewing and quilting. Mrs. Holmes adored her family and looked forward to every family gathering and cooking for those she loved. She fed many people in her home and considered anyone who sat at her dinner family. In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her brother, Raymond Edgar Dabbs, II.

Survivors include her husband of 35 years, F. Allen Holmes; a son, Vaughn Holmes (Jennifer Davis) of North Augusta; two daughters, Lauryn Gable (Dusty) of Modoc and Chelsey Holmes of Graniteville; her mother, Dorothy Dabbs of North Augusta; two sisters, Ramona Burrows and Maria Swires (Allan) both of North Augusta; and one grandchild, Silas Holmes.

Active Pallbearers will be Harold Hardin, Eric Holmes, Nathan Hansen, George Padgett, Chad Burrows and Justin Hudson. Honorary Pallbearers will be Dalton Swires and Brandon Holmes.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta is in charge of arrangements  
(803)278-1181.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

FEB 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holmes Family Cemetery  
Key Road  
Modoc, SC 29838

## Visitation

FEB 2.

Graveside, Following The Service

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dena Dabbs Holmes*

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *Dena Dabbs Holmes*

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *Allen and family: Gayle and I are very sad to hear of Deana's passing. Too young! We have fond memories of the Holmes family when we were members of the North Augusta Ward. She was such a good person and so very kind. Please know that you are in our prayers. We pray The Lord's choicest blessings of peace for you and your family in the days ahead.*

*With Our Love,*

*Todd and Gayle Jenkins and family*

Todd Jenkins - February 12, 2022 at 12:36 PM



“ *My heart goes out to you, Allen, Lauryn, Chelsey and Vaughn, and my thoughts and prayers are with you. I've been out of touch with everyone back in South Carolina and I just saw the post on FB. From the time I met her, Dena was always a good friend. She will be missed by many.*

Lynn Parrish - February 09, 2022 at 03:42 PM

CC

“ Allen so sorry to hear of your loss my prayers are with you.

Chris D. Connell - February 07, 2022 at 06:22 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Graveside Service



Posey Funeral Directors - February 02, 2022 at 04:36 PM

GB

“ Very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you

George and Litsa c de Baca - February 02, 2022 at 09:38 AM

AH

“ So very sorry for your loss~Thinking of your family during this time. You are in our continued Prayers!



Anita & Shad Johnson & Nathan Hansen - February 01, 2022 at 07:24 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dena Dabbs Holmes.



February 01, 2022 at 11:54 AM

SF

“ Allen, Lauryn, Chelsey and Vaughn my thoughts and prayers are with you all! Although I had not talked or seen Dena in a few years things she had taught me about canning and cooking had stayed with me from our good times at Savannah River Site. I know she will be missed and you were all her greatest priority and loves! I hope you find peace and comfort knowing she is at rest. My deepest sympathy and prayers are with you all.

Sandra Fail - February 01, 2022 at 11:38 AM

PB

“ Philip and Sheryl Brousseau purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Dena Dabbs Holmes.



Philip and Sheryl Brousseau - February 01, 2022 at 10:31 AM

PS

“ Patsy Stack lit a candle in memory of Dena Dabbs Holmes



patsy stack - February 01, 2022 at 07:16 AM

SB

“ Scott P Lerich, former NWTF Biologist purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dena Dabbs Holmes.



Scott P Lerich, former NWTF Biologist - January 31, 2022 at 11:40 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dena Dabbs Holmes.*



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January 31, 2022 at 10:43 PM



“ *Like so many other co-workers of Dena's at NWTF, I count it as a privilege and honor to have worked with her and called her my friend. We spent many hours together working on financial plans for stewardship contracts with the US Forest Service. Dena was the conduit between field staff and the Forest Service. As Gene T has already stated, she was responsible for hundreds of thousands of dollars being appropriated for thousands of acres of wildlife habitat improvements across the country. She mastered a complex governmental system even to the point that taught Forest Service personnel how to use their own program. She was very meticulous in her work and never complained regardless of the task and was always willing to help anyone.*

*Dena worked also tirelessly at the annual convention and was always so gracious to everyone. Nancy always enjoyed visiting with her there.*

*She was an excellent cook and I was the grateful recipient of many of her dishes that she brought to work. One of my favorites was her Eagle Brand lemon pie which was just like my Momma's. We also shared a hobby of beekeeping and even though she was a beginner, was always so anxious to learn and experience it.*

*Dena was a very special lady and will be sorely missed by family and friends. She was a real warrior!*

*Donnie Buckland*

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**Donnie Buckland** - January 31, 2022 at 06:06 PM

CP

“ I have so many fond memories of Dena. I just can't put into words everything I want to say. I could probably fill up pages and pages with all the positive attributes this wonderful woman had.

We shared time together both at the office and away. We've made salsa, eaten numerous meals together, had an occasional beverage, shucked corn (lots and lots of corn), and spent some time on my back porch with other friends. Not t mention she helped me decide what to have for supper more nights than I can remember.

Over the last many years, I've been fortunate to get to know her daughters Lauryn and Chelsey to the point I feel like they are my family too. During this past year while Dena was sick, my goal was to make her smile even if I could not see it in person. Based on conversations with the girls I think I was successful. I hope so.

Simply put, to know Dena is to love her and everyone that knew her did just that. Loved her. Rest in peace my sweet friend.

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Cissy Penner - January 31, 2022 at 05:32 PM

GP

“ Dena was always a person of great calmness in practically every situation, a rare gift these days. She was reliable, thorough, and trustworthy. I am grateful to have worked with her and share bee stories along the way.

Dena was one the the brightest stars at NWTF headquarters. A smile that will be sorely missed. Definitely one of the best.



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gary peters - January 31, 2022 at 05:14 PM

GD

“ General Dentistry Family at DCG purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dena Dabbs Holmes.



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**General Dentistry Family at DCG** - January 31, 2022 at 04:53 PM

GM

“ It was my distinct privilege to work with Ms. Dena Holmes as a colleague at National Wild Turkey Federation during 2010-2020. She was always helpful, cheerful, knowledgeable, kind, patient, and very effective at her job and whatever she may have been asked to do. She had the true heart of a servant, was tireless in her pursuit of excellence, and truth be told, was probably single-handedly responsible for more acres of habitat conserved and good relations with USDA Forest Service through stewardship activities than all of us put together in the Conservation Department; although, being filled with kindness, modesty, and humility, she would probably scold me for saying this. If she cooked like she worked, and I'm told that she did, I'm just sorry that I never had the chance to put my feet under her home table. No matter, she suffers no more in this life. May God now comfort her family; and, in the years to come. This present world is a better place because of the life of Ms. Dena Dabbs Holmes.

*Respectfully,*

*Gene T. Miller  
Amarillo, Texas*

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**Gene T. Miller** - January 31, 2022 at 04:40 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dena Dabbs Holmes.* ”



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January 31, 2022 at 04:38 PM