



Denise Rae Deaton

September 27, 1963 - October 28, 2019

Wakulla County lost a true legend. Denise Rae Deaton, 56, passed away in her home on October 28, 2019, surrounded by family and friends.

Denise was an incredibly hard worker and to many a hero, having worked her way from being a single, homeless, mother of two, to a college educated, successful business woman.

She owned and operated Wakulla Coil, which afforded her the means to do what she was truly passionate about. Denise loved helping people in need and giving second chances. She took much pride in providing job opportunities to the people of her community, donating, and adopting families at Christmas time because she knew the struggle of providing gifts to your kids when it's everything you can do to just to

feed them. Denise was also a huge supporter of our military, having always wanted to join herself, and she made adopting soldiers a family event.

Denise was an amazing human being and she will be greatly missed. She is survived by her two children, Michael and April Deaton, two grandchildren, Novalee Wingert and Taylor Deaton, and two sisters, Linda Kennedy and Annette Lewis.

David Conn and Kimberly Crum with Bevis Funeral Home of Crawfordville are assisting the family with arrangements. (850-926-3333, bevisfh.com)

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“ I "met" Denise as a customer of Wakulla Coil. Despite never having met in person, we developed a telephone/internet rapport over the years. She was always curious, always eager to learn, and a lot of fun.. I, and our firm, will miss her.

Pamela Patterson - November 22, 2019 at 10:09 AM

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“ Denise was my friend, she put me to work with Wakkula Coils in 2009. Not only did she help me out financially, but spiritually also. I could always talk to her and she would have me smiling and laughing. I would call her sometimes on my way home from work, which takes me an hour to get home and talk about something all the way home. I enjoyed our trip to get her new teeth, she was so proud of how they made her look. It was worth the trip, just to see the smile on her face. Me and her would exchange oranges and grape fruits. I was talking to her a few days before her passing. She said "They won't be ready to pick until the end of November, even if I am not here you stop and get you some" I told her "you will be here". My point being, even when she knew, she was in good spirits. I will truly miss her, she was the most caring and honest person I have ever know.

Melinda Smith - November 05, 2019 at 01:13 PM