



Deborah Marie Glenn Wilson

February 16, 1954 - January 30, 2026

Deborah Marie Glenn Wilson, age 71, passed away on January 30, surrounded by loved ones. Born on February 16, 1954, in Miami, Florida, Deborah—known affectionately as Debbie—lived a life defined by creativity, faith, generosity, and deep devotion to her family and community.

Debbie was a graduate of the University of South Carolina and was an art teacher in several school districts across South Carolina, inspiring countless students through her passion for the arts. She shared her talents far beyond the classroom through extensive involvement in numerous art organizations and guilds. She was a founding member of the Travelers Rest Art Alliance, participated in Fine Arts on the Trail, and was a member of the Upper South Carolina Basketmakers Guild, where she served as past president and member at large. She was also a member of the Dolores von Rosen Basket Guild, serving as past president and secretary; previously served as vice president and treasurer of the South Carolina Gourd Society; was a member of The Brevard Gourd Society Artist; and a certified judge with the American Gourd Society. Debbie was the first artist featured at the Wild Hare Gallery in Travelers Rest. She also enjoyed traveling throughout the country to teach her art through various workshops and organizations.

Debbie deeply loved her church family at Mountain View Global Methodist Church, where she faithfully served and remained actively involved. Her heart

for service extended into the community through organizations such as Sunday Dinner with a Twist, which provided meals to members of the local homeless community. She also volunteered at the Rupert Huse Veteran Center, where she taught art classes to veterans, offering creativity, encouragement, and connection through her work.

Together with her husband, Debbie was the cofounder of The Hungry Drover Restaurant, where her cherished recipes, delicious desserts, and famous bacon tomato pie were enjoyed and loved by many. Above all, Debbie loved her family. Her warmth, kindness, and unwavering dedication to others will be remembered by all who knew her.

Debbie was preceded in death by her father, Harry W. Glenn. She is survived by her loving husband, John Grady Wilson Jr.; her children, John Grady Wilson III (Alice), Wesley Scott Wilson, and Kaitlin Marie Dickson (Halen); her cherished grandchildren, Grady Wilson, Gabriel Dickson, Jacob Wilson, Mollie Wilson, and Michael Dickson; her mother, Janet M. Glenn; her siblings, Terry Glenn (Pearl), Kevin Glenn (Phyllis), and Greg Glenn (Michele); and many nieces and nephews whom she cherished deeply.

Debbie's legacy lives on through the many lives she touched and the art, love, faith, generosity, and nourishment—of both spirit and body—that she shared so freely.

A Memorial Service, followed by a Celebration of Life, will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2026, 1:00 PM at Mountain View Global Methodist Church, 6525 Mountain View Road Taylors SC 29687.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes memorial donations to be made to either the Mountain View Global Methodist Church Building Fund, marked in memory of Debbie Wilson, or to the Metropolitan Arts Council (MAC) at

greenvillearts.com/donate, in memory of Debbie Wilson.

"Lovingly submitted by family"

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service (No Flowers Please)

FEB 21. 1:00 PM (ET)

Mountain View Global Methodist Church
6525 Mountain View Road
Taylors, SC 29687

Tribute Wall

SF

“ I first met Debbie several years ago through gourds. She was one of the first people I ever took a class from. As an artist her talent and creativity were breathtaking, but it was her wonderful personality and kindness of spirit that truly set her apart. I always enjoyed our interactions and loved working with her. She will be dearly missed.

Sara Faulkner - February 19 at 02:19 PM

SH

“ My deepest condolences to the family of Debbie. I always loved her talent for teaching classes with our GA Gourd Society. She has a very special spirit and a beautiful soul. She is going to be missed.

Sandy Honeycutt - February 17 at 06:30 PM

CH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. She was so talented and a wonderful artist. She is one of my favorite gourd instructors. She will be surely missed

cherise - February 05 at 07:03 PM

SG

“ We first met Debbie at the Melbourne Gourd Festival. She was a very special person and had such a warming personality. You immediately felt a friend that seemed like you had known her forever. Debbie was so down to earth; her smile made you smile back. She showed her creativity in everything she did and encouraged others to show their own just using hers to teach the techniques. We went to a couple of gospel events and enjoyed John and Debbie company sharing our appreciation for the Lord. Debbie will always reminded in our hearts. She and John both are true examples of how we all should live our lives helping others and sharing love for our Lord. She will be missed but our memories will last a lifetime

saundra Granade, Joe Granade - February 03 at 09:32 AM

BH

“ *Bridget Hawkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Deborah Marie Glenn Wilson*



Bridget Hawkins - February 03 at 07:50 AM

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“ *Bridget Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Deborah Marie Glenn Wilson*



Bridget Hawkins - February 03 at 07:50 AM

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“ *Debbie was such a sweet person. I came to know her and her family when I worked for a John at the Hungry Drover. They were more like family than friends. I will never forget Debbie's smile. I will miss her greatly.*

Bridget Hawkins - February 03 at 07:49 AM

LK

“ *Debbie was a lovely person & I'm so glad to have known her. I got to know her at the SC Gourd Society Fest in 2009 & shared many events at gourd art festivals over the years. She was talented, kind & generous, she will be greatly missed.*

Linda Kincaid - February 03 at 07:19 AM