



Dani Cordova

June 3, 2024

Gloria "Dani" (Chapman) Cordova, wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend went to be with her Lord and Savior on June 3, 2024 at the age of 75. She was born in Lufkin on August 21, 1948 to William Devereux and Jean Chapman who preceded her in death.

Dani grew up in Lufkin and Galveston as the oldest of three sisters. She accepted the Lord as her Savior at the age of ten at First Baptist Church of Galveston. She divided her time between church activities and the beach. After graduating from Galveston Ball High School she attended Stephen F. Austin State University, majoring in art.

Dani met her future husband soon thereafter, marrying Scott in 1970. Most of their 53 years of marriage were spent in Houston, with a brief time in San Francisco.

She adored her family and chatting for hours on the phone with her sisters and friends. She was devoted to serving others in her community and church through volunteering at Star of Hope Mission, praying with Hurricane Katrina victims, teaching Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, serving on

multiple church committees, served as coordinator for Motherwise a young mothers ministry, and lent her interior design skills to decorating the church for special events.

Dani created beautiful artwork that included watercolors, pen and ink, clothing, invitations and personalized items. Her artistic talent was on display through interior design, weddings, floral arrangements, gardening and gourmet cooking.

Dani is survived by her loving husband Scott Cordova; her children, Ashlee Lyons (Jeff) of Round Top; Blake Cordova (Jessica) of The Woodlands ; grandchildren Ava, Vivienne and Sawyer Cordova and Adalynn Lyons; sisters, Debbie Rogers (Patrick) of Austin; Barbara Baxter (Brian) of Norris, Tennessee; Uncle Tom McKinney (Colleen) of Spring; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A funeral service celebrating the life of Gloria "Dani" Cordova will be held at 12:00 noon on Thursday, June 13, 2024 at Houston's First Baptist Church, 7401 Katy Freeway in Houston, Texas. All are invited to a reception with the family immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Houston's First Baptist Church or Star of Hope Mission.

Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Dani was an amazing friend. She truly had more friends than anyone I knew. She loved the Lord with all her heart. She had many special gifts and talents and she used them to serve others and glorify God.*

I have many beautiful gifts and keepsakes that Dani made for me and I smile every time I look at them.

I think of her almost every day. And often almost pick up the phone to call her to ask her opinion about something. I miss her terribly.

Everyone who came in contact with Dani was blessed.

I'm so grateful that she was my friend.

Judy Bouchard.

Judy Bouchard - January 14, 2025 at 02:13 PM

CJ

“ Dani was a dear long time friend I cherished her friendship. She was so faithful to call just to chat. This was years ago and then life got crazy for both of us but this past year or so when she was home not able to do a lot She was so faithful to call and just visit. She never complained she just was so interested in keeping up with her friends, even though we couldn't see each other often. She was by far one of the most talented, creative people I have ever known, she could cook, design, flower range the most beautiful arrangements I believe I've ever seen, paint and draw. I told her one time if I found out one more thing that she could do we wouldn't be able to be friends anymore... Lol. In 2023 they came with us for a few days to a friends Lake house, I will treasure that time just visiting and being together. Dani loved her family fiercely and her God and whatever she did she wanted to glorify him and be grateful for the talents that he gave her!! I miss her terribly, but I know she's with our Lord and Savior and that gives me great peace!

Carole Menefee- Jensen - January 10, 2025 at 10:42 AM

AL

“ Her daughter, Ashlee
Mom, how do I ever thank you for being my Mom and teaching me such a broad scheme of things. Now that I've been without you for almost 4 months, I can't believe I have to walk this earth without you. I've heard so many times that the love from your mother is our first love. And how very true that is. What I miss the most is "Hi sweetheart, how are you doing?". But God was gracious enough for me to hear her one last time tell me " I love you" and what a merciful gift that was.
So many knew her as the kind and loving friend that she was and she was that among countless other gifts she shared.
All of that was a piece of my Mom and I admired her for it. But all that mattered to me was she was simply my Mom and an amazing one at that. She taught me the importance of being a loving and supportive wife, the sacrifices that you make as a mom, how to make a home a home, how to host a good gathering, to take pride in your appearance and above all, how to love and serve God's kingdom.
Mom, I promise to honor you with my life, my family and my choices.
Thank you Mom for loving me like no other and showing me the purest of love!
I'll meet you at heavens gates

Ashlee Lyons - September 28, 2024 at 05:16 PM

PH

“ Dani was very talented. She decorated for several occasions that I was a part of. So many items she decorated with were handmade by her.

She was always receptive to my greetings with a smile. I love Dani. I will miss her. Patsy.

Patsy Haynes - June 13, 2024 at 10:59 AM

JM

“ Oh how I loved our sweet Dani. My cousin and friend will be greatly missed. All of Heaven is celebrating with her! Will always cherish the memories of trips to Houston and many Family Reunions in Lufkin.

Jeannie Martin - June 13, 2024 at 10:38 AM

MJ

“ Dani was one of the dearest & most treasured friends I've ever had or ever will have. She played such an integral role in my life for over 46 years in that she always said we were more sisters than just friends. I will miss her terribly, but know she is celebrating in Heaven & is now healthy & happy — I'm sure she heard the words “well done my good & faithful servant.”. Love you Dani!❤️

Mollie Jones - June 08, 2024 at 10:22 AM

RB

“ The obituary is so very, very nice. What an amazing woman, friend. Wife, mom, mom in law, grandmother, sister, sister in Christ, faithful servant, and friend.
I so loved her laugh and she was so kind, always behind the scenes making things well organized and a success.
She and Scott were always so encouraging and vital members of The Difference—such a wonderful season.
We really love y'all and are praying for you.
Mary Ann and I will miss her.
Brother Roger

Roger Bridgwater - June 08, 2024 at 10:10 AM