



Debra Norton

June 7, 1954 - January 30, 2020

Debra Norton, a 30-year resident of Rockwall, TX, passed away January 30, 2020, at the age of 65. She was born June 7, 1954, in Indianapolis, IN, to William and Violet (Anderson) Cope. She was Baptist. Debra graduated from Purdue University with a BA in Applied Psychology in 1974. She was invited to join the MENSA group in 1970. Debra was a business owner in the telecommunications industry in later years. She worked with animal rescue and adoption groups (such as the Rowlett Animal Adoption Center, or RAAC) until her Leukemia and Parkinson's placed limits on her activities. Debra was a court certified animal abuse expert. Her interests included psychology, photography, geology, and antiques.

Debra had a loving and caring nature towards people and animals. She fought injustice in the world. Debra always placed the interests of family, friends, and animals ahead of her own needs. She was active in animal rescue and local politics. Debra was always open and honest, and people meeting her for the first time seemed to sense these qualities. In the truest sense, Debra was the heart and soul of her family.

Debra is survived by her loving husband of 47 years: Charles Norton of Rockwall, TX; loving daughter: Wendy Mistry of Richardson, TX; loving brother: Lyman Howard of Rockwall, TX; loving adopted daughter: Kellie Howard Wash of Jensen Beach, FL; and loving cousin: Pam Anderson of Indianapolis, IN. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother Richard Cope.

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There were only a handful of people that I knew who stood head and shoulders above others in your intelligence, integrity, honor, and resilience. You came from tough "can-do pioneer" stock. Brilliant and entertaining. Reflective and caring. You were such a strong and positive force who always pulled through and helped others through the rough patches as well. I think that is why it is so hard to believe you are gone. I will carry you in my heart till the day I die and greatly miss your friendship every day. I am so lucky that you were my cousin and more importantly; that you chose to be my friend. .Love you girl.

Pam Anderson -Lopez

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