



## Teresa Rodgers Drake

August 15, 1966 - November 17, 2023

In the heart of every family, there is a unique story of love. The story of Teresa Rodgers Drake is one that is deeply woven into the fabric of her family's life. On November 17, 2023, Teresa, beloved wife, and cherished mother, found her peaceful rest at the age of 57.

Born on August 15, 1966, in Fort Worth, Texas, Teresa was the precious youngest daughter of Johnny and Lela Rodgers. Her roots were firmly planted in Everman, Texas, where she blossomed into a beautiful dancer on the high school drill team and was a member of the Kiwanettes where she left a lasting impression on those who knew her. After graduating from Everman High School in 1984, Teresa embarked on a journey of lifelong learning, earning a bachelor's degree in business administration at the University of Texas at Arlington. This laid the foundation for her successful career in the technology industry ending her career as a Supply Chain Manager at the Swedish technology company, Ericsson.

On September 15, 1990, Teresa married the love of her life, Robert Drake, in a ceremony filled with love and joy. Their love story was enriched 3 years later with the birth of their daughter, Taylor Nicole, who brought immeasurable happiness to their lives. Together, they built a beautiful life in Allen, Texas, where they resided for 25 years. Teresa's devotion to her family was the cornerstone of their home, and her love and support was their shelter.

Teresa's life was a tapestry of simple pleasures. Whether it was creating culinary delights in the kitchen, capturing precious memories with her camera, or exploring new horizons through her travels, she found joy in every moment. Sunflowers held a special place in her heart, symbolizing her vibrant and radiant spirit and her Christian faith was her guiding light.

Teresa's heart was as vast as the Texas sky, always ready to give and help others. She dedicated her time and energy to the Susan G Komen 3-Day foundation, walking four separate 60-mile journeys to support breast cancer research and awareness. In her memory, the family kindly requests that donations be made to either the Susan G Komen 3-Day foundation or Faith Presbyterian Hospice.

Teresa's legacy is one of love and generosity. Her kind heart touched the lives of all who knew her. Her infectious smile and positive spirit were the sunshine that brightened any room she entered, leaving a lasting impact on both friends and acquaintances alike.

Teresa's love continues to live on in her devoted husband, Robert Drake; her loving daughter, Taylor Koch, and son-in-law, Kyle Koch; her mother, Lela Rodgers; her dear sister, Pam Williamson, and a multitude of extended family members and friends whose lives she touched and enriched.

Although Teresa's physical presence has left us, her spirit continues to dance in our hearts. May we honor her memory by cherishing our loved ones, spreading kindness, and embracing each day with the same zest for life that she possessed.

Rest in peace, dear Teresa. Your memory will forever be a treasured keepsake in the heart of your family, deeply missed, and eternally cherished.



# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life for Teresa Rodgers Drake

DEC 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

Faith Presbyterian Hospice  
12477 Merit Dr.  
Dallas, TX 75251

# Tribute Wall

KY

“ I started doing Teresas hair at JC Penneys worked there 18 years then i opened my salon where she followed me for many more years till she got sick and i will truly miss her love,kindness,loyalty as a friend you are forever in my heart sweet friend i called sister.  
Love kim yancey

Kim yancey - December 05, 2023 at 10:10 PM

MF

“ I also met Teresa through friends and we went on so many scrapbook retreats together and shared many laughs! She was such a sweet person that will be messed greatly! Robert and Taylor you were her whole world!! Prayers of Peace for you. 🙏🌻

Melissa Fisher - December 02, 2023 at 06:33 PM

SS

“ The loss of someone at this age is hard to understand. I met Teresa at the first 3 Day Walk for both of us and we were on the same team. Such an emotional journal and for Teresa, I remember at the end of the walk, she had to power through - there was no quit in her. God bless her family at this difficult time and in the days ahead.

Sandy Scott - December 02, 2023 at 05:58 PM

JM

“ Sending love and prayers for you all! I met Teresa through scrapbooking and she was a wonderful women and friend. I will be forever grateful for knowing her and my heart breaks that she has left us so soon. Rest in peace my friend, you are loved and will be missed by all. ❤️

Jessica Milligan - December 02, 2023 at 05:17 PM

TA

“ I loved Teresa. I loved her humor, her love of family, her business expertise, her kindness and her spirituality. She will be missed by so many people, including me.

Tommye Allen - December 02, 2023 at 11:34 AM

LR

“ Love, JoAnn and Roberto Rivas purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Teresa Rodgers Drake.



Love, JoAnn and Roberto Rivas - November 30, 2023 at 02:17 PM

LR

“ Love, JoAnn and Roberto Rivas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Teresa Rodgers Drake.

Love, JoAnn and Roberto Rivas - November 30, 2023 at 02:17 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Teresa Rodgers Drake.



November 30, 2023 at 12:39 PM

JB

“ *Janice Chien & Bob Bonner purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Teresa Rodgers Drake.*



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**Janice Chien & Bob Bonner** - November 30, 2023 at 12:04 PM

JB

“ *Janice Chien & Bob Bonner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Teresa Rodgers Drake.*

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**Janice Chien & Bob Bonner** - November 30, 2023 at 12:04 PM

JK

“ *Jim, Janette, Bryan and Alyssa Koch purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Teresa Rodgers Drake.*



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**Jim, Janette, Bryan and Alyssa Koch** - November 28, 2023 at 11:52 PM

JK

“ *Jim, Janette, Bryan and Alyssa Koch planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Teresa Rodgers Drake.*

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**Jim, Janette, Bryan and Alyssa Koch** - November 28, 2023 at 11:52 PM

MS

“ Marilyn S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Teresa Rodgers Drake.

Marilyn S. - November 28, 2023 at 07:06 PM

MS

“ Oh, those little blond ponytails when she was a little girl. That sweet sweet smile and the way she made others feel important and at ease in conversation.

Miss Lela, Pam, Taylor and Robert, my heart aches for you. May you find peace and strength in the following days, and your forever loving faith in the Lord, will help you through.



Marilyn Sikes - November 28, 2023 at 07:00 PM

NM

“ This was the last memory I have with Teresa, at Taylor’s wedding. She was in a wheelchair but looked absolutely radiant in that beautiful dress she was wearing. She was so happy that day.



Naomi Miller - November 28, 2023 at 06:45 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Teresa Rodgers Drake.*



November 28, 2023 at 06:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Teresa Rodgers Drake.*



November 28, 2023 at 06:32 PM



“ *Mike, Sharleigh, Kayleigh and Paige planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Teresa Rodgers Drake.*

**Mike, Sharleigh, Kayleigh and Paige** - November 28, 2023 at 06:32 PM



“ *Data Specialties purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Teresa Rodgers Drake.*



**Data Specialties** - November 28, 2023 at 05:02 PM

TA

“ *What a beautiful person Teresa was. The obituary is a masterpiece of writing but, then, she was a masterpiece of a woman, such an accomplished business woman, plus a caring, attentive mother and a loyal, adoring wife. I feel blessed to have been in her extended family in order to have gleaned some of her wisdom, her kindness and her love. I will miss her so very much!!*

*Aunt Tommye*

Tommye Allen - November 28, 2023 at 04:51 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Teresa Rodgers Drake.*



November 28, 2023 at 04:16 PM

UT

“ *US Cellular Access Deployment Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Teresa Rodgers Drake.*

US Cellular Access Deployment Team - November 28, 2023 at 04:16 PM

SP

“ *3 files added to the album Memories of Teresa*



Sherri Parolini - November 28, 2023 at 03:05 PM

SP

*Teresa loved our 2016 SGK 3-Day walk and she was an awesome team member! Teresa, you will be missed. 💜*

**Sherri Parolini** - November 28, 2023 at 03:07 PM

RW

*Teresa was a kind and caring person. A dedicated team-member. One couldn't help but to smile as they worked alongside her and/or passed her in the hallways. I'm glad we crossed paths and got to know one another. Until we meet again, Teresa. My condolences and prayers for the entire family.*

**Rachael Warren** - November 28, 2023 at 05:35 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Teresa Rodgers Drake.*



November 28, 2023 at 02:09 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Teresa Rodgers Drake.*



November 28, 2023 at 02:04 PM