



## Debra Ann Hogan-Schmidt

November 2, 1951 - January 25, 2019

Debra Ann (Ford) Hogan, 67, of Alva, Oklahoma passed away Friday, January 25, 2019 after bravely battling cancer. She was preceded in death by her parents Delbert and Armena Ford of Fredonia, Kansas and her brother Marvin Ford of Independence, Kansas. Survivors include her husband, Larry Schmidt; her son, Michael Hogan and his wife, Shanda of Fort Collins, Colorado and their children, Braden Hogan and Ciara Johnson; her stepson, Brody Schmidt, his wife, Rebecca and their children Lyla and Kelsey, all of Nash, Oklahoma; her stepdaughter, Ashley Krause, her husband, Jay and their children Henry, Alice and Lucy, all of Denver, Colorado; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Debra was born on November 2, 1951 in Cedarvale, Kansas and was raised on Hudson Ranch. After high school, she married Aden Hogan, Jr. of Fredonia, Kansas. They had a son, Michael, who became the center of her world. While living in Grand Junction, Colorado, she began working in the aviation industry, the focus of her career for the next decade.

Her work in aviation led her to Texas, where she worked for B F Goodrich Aerospace and developed a love for sailing and sports cars. Debra graduated Cum Laude and as the top senior in the W. Frank Barton School of Business with a bachelor of business administration from Wichita State University in 2001. While in school, Debra met Larry Schmidt, who she would eventually marry and with whom she would spend the remainder of her life. Shortly thereafter, she began teaching computer science at Northwestern Oklahoma

State University where she also obtained her Master's Degree in Education. She enjoyed teaching and her passion was her students.

In 2015, Debra retired from NWOSU so she and Larry could travel and spend more time together. When not traveling, she worked at SPI in Alva, assisting her step-son and several of her former students. Known as Gigi or "Grandma Hut", Debra thoroughly enjoyed her grandkids and always found a way to become interested in the things that interested her friends and family. She impacted so many lives and will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Northwestern Foundation, with the Debra Hogan Memorial fund noted. Online donations may be made through the Foundation website ([www.imaginenorthwestern.com](http://www.imaginenorthwestern.com)), designating the donation for the Debra Hogan Memorial fund.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

Main Ballroom, at N.W.O.S.U.  
709 Oklahoma Blvd  
Alva, OK 73717

# Tribute Wall

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“ I remember Debra's kindness to me in the 90's when I had to move for my job at MetLife. I had to move from Wichita Ks to Clarks Summit PA. Debra was dating my youngest brother Ron at the time. I was having a hard time accepting that I needed to move and was having to leave my family and my horse(Jimmy) behind because of his age. Debra helped me pack and clean out the house. She helped my brother and I load the moving truck and get the house ready to put on the market. I remember that she liked a short set I had that were matching top and bottom -- she liked the set too and asked if she could wear the top while she helped me pack -- I gave the top to her and I kept the bottoms. I still have the bottoms and wear them to work around the house in the summer. My brother Ron called me today and told me that Debra had passed away in January of this year --- I didn't know Debra for long but I do know that she was a loving and caring person. I appreciated her kindness and help she gave to me. Rest in Peace Debra -- I know you will be missed by all that knew you. Beverly Albright Clarks Summit PA



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**Beverly Albright** - July 28, 2019 at 06:08 PM

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“ I just came across this I was a good friend of Debra in the mid-90s I'm truly sorry for her passing she was a great woman with always and expanding mind. We had many conversations over quantum physics and I think I still have one of her books that she gave to me to read. She loved Aviation and now she soars with the eagles it was a privilege to know this wonderful woman. my condolences to the family and the rest of her friends.

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**Ronald Albright** - July 28, 2019 at 04:56 PM

“ Debra was my adviser throughout college, I looked up to her a lot, like a third parent as the years went by, as I worked through college my five and a half years on my own. I had many classes with her, worked on a fair number of events, and countless discussions, some of which we both learned something new.

I will never forget the discussions in class about computer, including the discussions of computer processes, children, zombies, and buses, in which we had to close our classroom door, due to anyone not aware class computer topic that day, would not quite understand lesson discussion due to terminology.

Both my wife, Lesley, and I spent many hours talking and working with Debra, so much so, after she retired and visited, then later began working, SPI, I spent the first three years trying to call her Debra, instead of Mrs. Hogan, I had known her so well as. She was always available to discuss news topics, events, and issues either of us had, that the other may be of assistance, computer or life related. I could always look up to her for guidance, even after she retired.

Debra has been a hero on many occasions, not just to myself, to many others as I've observed, from class projects, to understanding and resolving life issues, including my issues with work before SPI. She knew when to be blunt, to tell me I'm being stubborn, and laying out what my options are.

As much as she has helped me with my anxiety and standing up, the room of 230, give or take, attending Debra's ceremony, I may still be unable to stand up to a group of people as such size, I know I'm more than able to a small sized group now, than I did back in my early college years.

I could keep going on and on about how helpful and supporting she was during my years in college, and working with her at SPI.

I have not decided, or found, the best way to end this, other than a quote that keeps coming to mind. I do not know the originator, though some has told me it came from Captain America. I've seen various versions, however the following rings best.

Heroes may not live long; they live forever.

**James Skinner** - February 05, 2019 at 02:22 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Debra Ann Hogan-Schmidt.*



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February 02, 2019 at 05:40 PM



“ *Debra was a very kind hearted person. She was always willing to help someone in need, especially her students. Without her guidance I would have had a much more difficult time navigating college. She started out as one of my professors but grew to be a very special part of my life. She was like a second mom to me and I will miss her dearly.*

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**Becky Hicks** - January 30, 2019 at 05:22 PM



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**Becky Hicks** - January 30, 2019 at 04:55 PM

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“ Blessings of comfort to the family of Debra and Larry.



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**Bill & Linda Beeler** - January 29, 2019 at 10:17 AM



“ I had her as a college professor at NWOSU. She was a terrific teacher and a very caring lady.

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**Adam Kelly** - January 28, 2019 at 10:37 PM

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“ While teaching at NWOSU, Debra was genuinely interested in her students. She was a very positive person and will be missed! My condolences to all Debra's family and friends.

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**Cynthia Nighswonger** - January 28, 2019 at 08:56 PM