



Denise Elizabeth Gonyer, better known as Desi, died at age 65 on Friday, November 3, 2017. She was surrounded by her loved ones at Northeast Methodist Hospital. Desi was the first-born daughter of Louis Xavier Gonyer and Virginia Kelley Gonyer. She was born on October 11, 1952 in Manchester, New Hampshire. After moving all around New England, in 1965 her family moved to San Antonio, Texas where she lived for the remainder of her life. Desi grew up in a large, loving family, where she is 1 of 4 sisters and has 2 brothers.

At the age of 17, Desi graduated from Theodore Roosevelt High School in the spring of 1970. When she turned 18, she began her career at Southwestern Bell. She started as an operator and worked herself up the ranks. She was one of the first women to work outside and become a cable splicer. She was not afraid to go down into the manhole or to climb a pole. Eventually, after hardwork and determination, she was promoted to a Communications Technician. Over the 31 years of employment at Southwestern Bell, she held several positions and built long-lasting friendships. She was offered early retirement and retired in 2001.

In July of 1980, Desi's dream of becoming a mother became a reality. She gave birth to her only child, Brianna Marie. She made sure her daughter could try anything that she wanted to try. The most important thing she taught her daughter how to be strong, smart and hardworking. Twenty-two years later, Desi became Me'Me" to her first of four granddaughters.

Desi loved to be the life of the party. She enjoyed playing sports like soccer and softball to coaching her daughter's sports teams. In the early 90's, Desi, Brianna and her step-daughter, Elizabeth started to study Tae Kwon Do. Along with her daughter, Brianna, they achieved the rank of a 1st degree black belt after several years at Kim's Academy.

One of her favorite pastimes was riding her Harley Davidson Sportster around the Texas Hill Country with the wind blowing through her hair. If she wasn't on her bike, than she was being active and spending most of her time outdoors. She constantly took her family and friends hiking and camping.

She is survived by her daughter, Brianna Balsler Train, and son-in-law, Ian Train, as well as her four granddaughters, Cheyenne Elizabeth, Angelina Nicole, Stevie Nikkole, and Khloe Ann. She is also survived by her siblings, brother Tom and Michelle Gonyer, sister Paula Simmons and Jim Stover, brother Greg and Dana Gonyer, sister Michelle and Wayne Russell and sister Jennifer and Greg Bazajou, as well as several nieces and nephews and their children. She is preceded in death by her father, Louis Xavier Gonyer and mother, Virginia Kelley Gonyer.

Her memorial services will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 1-3pm at the hall in the Alamo City Community Church. The address is [6500 IH 35 North](#), San Antonio, TX 78218. Immediately following this service, we will head to the Deer Crossing Saloon at [4810 East FM 1518](#) N, Selma, TX 78154, for food, drinks, and music. We will send her off with a fun party like she would want. Dress is casual! So put on your best biker gear, as we celebrate Desi's last ride into the sunset. (biker gear optional) The family would especially like to thank the staff at Northeast Methodist Hospital for their tireless efforts and support they provided to her loved ones. We would also like to thank Funeral Caring USA for aiding in her memorial arrangements. In lieu of flowers, please send a donation in her name to the Make A Wish Foundation.



