



## Deborah Kay Ellett Tipton

May 12, 1951 - November 17, 2023

Deborah Kay Ellett Tipton, 72, of 4350 Lambs Church Road, Altavista died Friday, November 17, 2023 at Lynchburg Health & Rehabilitation Center. She was the wife of the late Hugh Leslie "Les" Tipton.

She was born May 12, 1951 in Richmond, a daughter of the late Lowell Eugene Ellett and Georgia Mason Rae Ellett. Deborah was an artist, a horse trainer, and member of the Spanish Mustang Registry. She was known in the horse enthusiast community for the work she did to establish Spanish Mustangs in Virginia. She loved gardening, writing, music, genealogy, and storytelling, and she developed skills in a multitude of creative hobbies. Deborah enjoyed the pursuit of knowledge and was often studying obscure topics and learning new skills; she never met a DIY project she couldn't handle. Her adventurous spirit took her around the US on motorcycles, road trips, and more recently in a small trailer she cleverly designed and customized. She loved to beautify her home and yard, bringing color and vibrancy to every place she ever lived. Her energy was warm and vibrant, she was friendly with everyone she met and always ready to share stories and laughter. She was extremely generous and giving, and found great joy in finding unique gifts for those she loved, especially her children.

She is survived by two daughters, Amber Adaire of Petersburg and Carmen "Cally" Smith of Lynch Station; and one grandchild, Gerek Buchanan.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Kathryn Bryant.

The family will be conducting a memorial service on Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at the Blanford Church and Cemetery, 319 South Crater Road, Petersburg, VA 23803.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider donating to Deborah's funeral expenses < <<https://www.tmcfunding.com/funds/deborah-kay-ellett-tipton/8917/>> >.

Finch & Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

Blanford Church and Cemetery  
319 South Crater Rd  
Petersburg, VA 23803

# Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Deborah Kay Ellett Tipton*



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**Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service** - December 08, 2023 at 10:31 AM

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“ *Tina Leftwich & Stephanie Brown planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deborah Kay Ellett Tipton.*

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**Tina Leftwich & Stephanie Brown** - December 08, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Deborah Kay Ellett Tipton.*



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**Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service** - December 08, 2023 at 10:24 AM