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Dannah Hayes Labby, 65, of Dry Creek, Louisiana, died on December 11, 2013. She was born on January 7, 1948 to Raymond K. and Mary H. Hayes at St. Patrick's Hospital in Lake Charles, Louisiana, where she died. She was an artist and singer-songwriter whose credits include cover art for one of the late Johnny Cash's albums and a song entitled "Poor Baby Lonely," which was recorded and played on the air on multiple radio stations. She performed in Nashville at local venues, including Rock for The Animals, alongside Johnny Cash and Waylon Jennings. She was a member of ASCAP and Amnesty International. Dannah worked for her parent's hair cosmetic manufacturing company for many years as a graphic artist and designer, where she also designed special packaging boxes that would be trademarked and patented. At one time she worked for Springs International where she was the Director of the Art Department in which she designed patterned textiles. She also opened her own graphic art business designing logos and other artwork for clients. In her spare time, she painted on canvas with oils, acrylics, pastels and pen and ink. Earlier works included still lifes and beach scenes. Her later works included stipplings which were comprised of hundreds of small dots drawn by hand, in which hidden figures were embedded. She was particularly amazing at charcoal art, especially at creating 'depth' within her head portraits. She was at one time a member of Gallery One Ellleven in Leesville and an artist member of RealArt DeRidder Arts Cooperative in DeRidder Louisiana. As a child, Dannah moved with her family to Cincinnati, Ohio; West Orange, New Jersey and Centerport, New York, and as an adult, she lived in San Diego, California; East Northport and Sound Beach, New York; Columbia, Maryland; Hendersonville, Tennessee and Springfield, Missouri. She returned to Louisiana in 2001, where she worked at Fort Polk as a contractor for a few years and then she served as primary caregiver to her mother until her death in 2011. Dannah is survived by her husband, David Labby (the love of her life) of Dry Creek,



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children Angela (Wayne) Martin, Joseph (Wendy) Macarthur of Missouri, Johanathan (Bonne) Macarthur of Tennessee; grandchildren Jacob, Eden, Kylin and Nate, sister Amanda (Charles) Buchanan of Ohio, her Aunt Elizabeth Mothershed of Westlake, as well as multiple cousins, a niece and nephew, who will remember her keen sense of humor and her love of music foremost, chocolate, dragonflies and hearts and for being a wicked a scrabble and canasta player. She is predeceased by her grandparents, Daniel and Susie Hayes of Eunice, Louisiana, Joseph "Mertz" and Emie Hanberry of Dequincy, Louisiana, and her parents. A private family visitation will be held at Labby Memorial Funeral Home in DeRidder, Louisiana on Saturday, December 14, 2013 from noon to 1:00, followed by a public service from 1:00 to 2:00. Cremation to follow.



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