



Deborah L. Love

September 18, 1954 - February 15, 2021

Our family and community lost a pillar on Monday, February 15, 2021 when Deborah L. Love (favorably known as Debie) passed away after a long fight with cancer.

Debie was born Sept 18, 1954 in Eldorado, IL to Philip Hughey and Dorothy Hughey (Gill). She went on to become an RN at St. Johns Hospital for 18 years. She then moved on to become the nurse for the PORTA School District for 15 years. She loved her part in the community, including coaching the junior bowling league in Petersburg for over ten years, and later coaching the high school Pom-Pom squad for 10 years. Debie enjoyed reading, being with her family, traveling through the mountains, and playing all the games with her grandchildren.

Debie is predeceased by her parents, her brother Ambrose (Bob) Hughey, and her brother Stephen Hughey.

Debie is survived by her loving husband of 42 years, David Love, her son Jonathan (Rebecca) Love of Laurel MT, her daughter Sarah Love-Martin (Steve Martin) of Belleville IL, her son Jordan (Dustine) Love of Athens IL, her sister Phyllis Hargis, her sister Natasha Lynn (David) Lies, her sister Karen (Richard) Friesen, and her grandchildren Addison Love, Kara Love, Jackson Martin, Kurtis Howard, and Josie Love. Debie will be lovingly remembered by her many nieces and nephews.

Winston Churchill once said "

We make a living by what we get;

we make a life by what we give"

and it's what we will all remember about Debie. Through her wisdom, her humor, and her kindness, she gave everything she could to those she loved. The family will be hosting a Remembrance Open House on Saturday, June 4, 2022, from 1 pm to 4 pm at the Athens Community Park Banquet Hall, 210 Dottie Bednarko Dr., Athens, Illinois 62613. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com

Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, IL is assisting the family with arrangements.

Previous Events

Remembrance Open House

JUN 4. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Athens Community Park Banquet Hall
210 Dottie Bednarko Dr.
Athens, IL 62613

Tribute Wall



“ *Deborah L. Love*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *I worked 3IMC with Debi on the night shift. She was one of the best Nurses and friend you could have. Sadly, I just learned of her passing and to say the least I am broken hearted. Rest Well Debi. You are loved.*

Paula Schultz/Ward - March 15, 2021 at 06:19 PM



“ *So very sorry for your loss. Prayers for comfort and peace.*

Brenda Yale - February 21, 2021 at 12:22 PM



“ *Dave: I am so sorry for your loss. When I think of Stone Seed I remember all the fun stories you had of your wonderful wife. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Bronwyn (Vernau) Leach*

Bronwyn Leach - February 20, 2021 at 11:05 AM



“ *Dave and family, so sorry to hear about Deb's passing. We worked well together at school. She was an amazing nurse, coach, and friend. She will be greatly missed.*

Phylis Burkholder

Phylis Burkholder - February 19, 2021 at 10:18 AM

EL

“ I worked at St Johns in the early 2000's on night shift. Debie was the most helpful, professional nurse I ever encountered at that hospital. She showed up at 11, her uniform pressed, hair and makeup beautiful, and ready to take care of her patients and help new nurses like me. I had tremendous respect for her. She was a great nurse and a good friend.

elizabeth lefferts - February 19, 2021 at 09:52 AM

DL

“ Dave,
Our sincere condolences to you and your family.
Dale and Laura Lael

Dale Lael - February 19, 2021 at 08:00 AM

KR

“ Coach Love,
You will be so missed. The many little minds you help mold, the boo boos you healed, the tummies you settled were not done out of duty but done with love. And your efforts never went unnoticed. I hope you were able to wear special jewelry for the occasion. And hopefully someone else will get to put your toilet cleaning jewelry to work.
May your sweet soul look over your family as they grieve. I will be sending so much love to the entire family during these difficult times.
- Kristina

Kristina - February 18, 2021 at 01:00 PM

SE

“ Dave & Family,

So, sorry to hear of Debbie's passing what a warm and caring person she was. Hoping, soon your tears will be replaced by smiles of your wonderful memories of her.

Johnny & Sandy Estill

Sandy Estill - February 18, 2021 at 10:44 AM

MR

“ Dave,

Sending sympathy and prayers for you and your family; may you find comfort in your memories.

Mabel & Dave Ruppel

Mabel Ruppel - February 18, 2021 at 10:42 AM

NL

“ Dave, Jonathan, Sarah, & Jordan, so many priceless memories of Debbie I really enjoyed just being around her, she was a ray of sunshine, God got another great angel 🙏, my prayers & love are with you all, Nancy Lovell (Bauser)

Nancy Lovell - February 18, 2021 at 09:48 AM

LH

“ Larry And Mary Hundt lit a candle in memory of Deborah L. Love



Larry and Mary Hundt - February 18, 2021 at 08:01 AM

VM

“ *My thoughts and prayers to the whole family. I will never forget what a pleasure it was to have known her and the wonderful kids she raised. She always had a smile on her face regardless what was happening. Great lady!*

VERA MARTIN - February 18, 2021 at 07:17 AM

MS

“ *Dave and family, Our thoughts and prayers go to you and the family. JD and Mary Stewart*

Mary Stewart - February 18, 2021 at 06:50 AM

JM

Marcus and I have you in our thoughts and prayers. She was such a great wonderful special person. She is missed.

Janalyn Miller - February 18, 2021 at 10:15 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss, Debbie was a lovely lady and friend, had some good times together at car shows, etc., will miss her.*

Tom and Pat Smith

Patricia Smith - February 17, 2021 at 09:16 PM

SC

“ *So sorry for your loss. Debie was a fabulous nurse and friend. I enjoyed our talks about her kids and grandkids. She was well loved.*

Suzanne Conklin - February 17, 2021 at 09:16 PM

BB

“ I’m so very sorry to hear of Lovie’s passing. She was such a great person and an amazing coach to her Poms girls. Her love and dedication to them will never be forgotten.



Beshka Burnett - February 17, 2021 at 07:53 PM

MS

“ Dave & Family So Sorry for your loss Sharon was a wonderful Person so kind and caring. Prayers to you all. Mark & Mona Stewart

Mona Stewart - February 17, 2021 at 07:47 PM

LW

“ Sorry for your loss Dave and family.

Linley White - February 17, 2021 at 07:30 PM

TV

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Debbie's passing. She was a wonderful person and a great friend. We always had so much fun when the kids were on the youth bowling league together. It was a blessing to have her as my friend. I am truly going to miss her. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time. Tracy and Jeff Vaughn



Tracy and Jeff Vaughn - February 17, 2021 at 06:17 PM

ST

“ Dave and family,
So sorry for your loss. Debbie was a great person and will always be remembered for the wonderful person she was. She helped my boys become the bowlers they are today.

Scott, Roberta, Jacob and Joshua Thomas - February 17, 2021 at 05:49 PM

PT

“ I'm so sorry to learn of Debbie's passing. I enjoyed working with her at PORTA.

Paula Throckmorton - February 17, 2021 at 05:39 PM

GR

“ My family Loves Debie. She was Travis and Tasha's Bowling coach. We loved spending time with her. She was such a Wonderful person. Prayers to the family. She will be missed.

Ginger Woodrum Rickmann - February 17, 2021 at 05:26 PM

MM

“ So sorry for your loss. Debbie was such a nice person who will be missed!
Paul & Marilyn Montgomery



marilyn montgomery - February 17, 2021 at 05:14 PM

SJ

“ Dave and your children i am sorry that you loss a wonderful women. She was a person to be around. Sorry for your loss. Rest in Peace Debe

Shirley Jones - February 17, 2021 at 04:03 PM