



Debra Smead

April 17, 1963 - July 11, 2017

The Celebration of Life service for Debra Smead of Wadena, will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 25, at the Zion Free Church in Wadena with Pastor Curtis Emerson presiding. Visitation will be at the church on Tuesday from 1:00 p.m. until the time of service.

Having struggled several years with health issues, Debra, age 54, died on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, at the hospital in St. Cloud, MN.

Deb was born to Philo Charles and Ethel Mae (Utermarck) Smead on April 17, 1963 at the USAF Hospital, Westover AFB, in Chicopee, MA. After completing high school Deb continued her education and attained a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. She had a heart that cared for others with time spent as a home healthcare and hospice provider. She valued children and believed in education. She loved her dogs, Tippy and Maxx. Over the years Deb also lived in Fargo, ND, and Washington state.

Deb was preceded in death by her parents Philo and Ethel.

She will fondly be remembered by her aunt, Dorothy Stirling, of Jenison MI; devoted friend Mary Ellen Brauck of Wadena; along with many friends and neighbors who loved her.

Inurnment will be held at a later date in Wadena Cemetery, Wadena, MN.

To honor Deb's memory and her belief in children and education, in lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to SonRise Christian School, 35305 - 585th Ave, Bluffton, MN.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **25**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Zion Free Lutheran Church
602 Jefferson St. S.
Wadena, MN 56482

Service

JUL **25**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

FC

“ I was married to Debra for 10 years she was a very good wife.we did alot together.i really am going to miss her.i wish I would have know I would have been there.

Florian Colling - August 08, 2021 at 10:13 AM

RD

“ I was not aware that Deb had died until tonight when doing an internet search. I knew Deb when she worked in Fargo, such an intelligent, fun woman. When she moved away to Washington State, I lost touch with her but always believed that we would see each other again. Deb was a part of my life that I will always remember and I hope she's happy in heaven...such a beautiful, wonderful woman. Miss you Deb.....

Ron

Ron Dankmyer - December 31, 2018 at 11:20 PM



PA

“ Polly Anderson lit a candle in memory of Debra Smead

polly anderson - July 24, 2017 at 12:21 AM



PA

What an awesome lady she was with a very contagious smile!

polly anderson - July 24, 2017 at 12:22 AM

RP

“ Robert Peters lit a candle in memory of Debra Smead



Robert Peters - July 22, 2017 at 02:41 PM

RP

RIP Ms. Deb.

Robert Peters - July 22, 2017 at 02:41 PM

BT

“ Beth Topp lit a candle in memory of Debra Smead



Beth Topp - July 21, 2017 at 10:13 AM

BT

We were Air Force brats. She was such a beacon of light and love. One of the toughest women I've ever had the pleasure of knowing.

Beth Topp - July 21, 2017 at 10:16 AM

JH

“ Jay Hutson lit a candle in memory of Debra Smead



Jay Hutson - July 17, 2017 at 12:17 PM

DO

“ *Deb Olson lit a candle in memory of Debra Smead*



Deb Olson - July 17, 2017 at 06:34 AM

DO

“ *There were so many things that we did together thru our high school years. She struggled with health issues when we were in high school but we always had a lot of fun. She will be sadly missed but now she is pain free and with her parents once again.*

Deb Olson - July 17, 2017 at 06:34 AM

MB

“ *Winnie he Pooh once said, "How Blessed I Am To Have Someone Like You That Makes Saying Good Bye So Hard." Thank you Debbie, for teaching me so much about living and dyeing. Love you always, Time to fly with the angels straight to Jesus.*
Mary Ellen Brauch

Mary Brauch - July 15, 2017 at 01:38 PM



“ *Laurie Albertson lit a candle in memory of Debra Smead*



Laurie Albertson - July 13, 2017 at 11:04 AM

PS

“ Patrick Schultz lit a candle in memory of Debra Smead



Patrick Schultz - July 12, 2017 at 07:50 PM

SL

“ Sue Lound lit a candle in memory of Debra Smead



Sue Lound - July 12, 2017 at 01:28 PM

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“ In elementary grades I remember us being neighbors first and then we became friends. I remember her mom taking me aside one day to thank me for being her friend. It took me by surprise because I thought... why wouldn't I be her friend? :-) She was sweet. We kind of watched out for one another.
Then of course life takes its turns and people drift. I'm so sorry she had struggles. Prayers to her family.

Roberta Thompson (Krantz) - July 12, 2017 at 12:38 PM

NW

“ Nan Wegscheid lit a candle in memory of Debra Smead



Nan Wegscheid - July 12, 2017 at 11:43 AM

KB

“ *Kelly Bain lit a candle in memory of Debra Smead*



Kelly Bain - July 12, 2017 at 09:33 AM