



## Deborah Anne Monchamp

November 1, 1938 - July 25, 2025

Monchamp, Deborah (Johnson)

Debbie, age 86, left us peacefully on July 25, 2025. Her life was marked by love, service, and devotion to her family, faith, and community.

Debbie was a devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend. Her strength, wisdom, and kindness touched all who knew her. She will be missed by her five children: Kim Schmitt, Tim (Maureen) Monchamp, Mollie Cooney, Carrie (Joe) Donovan, and Matt (Jeanne) Monchamp. She was the proud grandmother of 12: David & Alex (Tara) Schmitt, Caroline & Danny Monchamp, Jessica (Mikis) Kostorous, Sam (Elly), Sean & Nora Donovan, Sarah (Alex) Christians, Ben, Connor & Bridget Monchamp. Debbie also adored her two great-grandchildren, Walter and Ike Kostorous.

Debbie is further survived by her loving siblings, Brett (Colleen) Johnson, Mimi (Kirk) Monger, and sister-in-law, Mary (Denny) Nelson. She was preceded in death by her parents, Willard and Janice Johnson and her grandson, William Monchamp.

Debbie held a master's degree in education and dedicated her career to teaching in the Edina School District, where she inspired countless students and colleagues alike. After retiring, she moved to Garrison, MN where she found joy and peace in nature, tending to her garden and enjoying the beauty

of the woods and lake.

Debbie's giving spirit extended well into her retirement. She volunteered for many years at Wild and Free and the UMN Master Gardener program, served faithfully as an election judge, gave her time to her local food shelf and was an active member of her church community.

As a single mother of 5 children, Debbie had boundless energy, attended her children's many activities including, sporting events, concerts and principal office visits. She really enjoyed the time her kids and their friends spent at her house. She was always there to poke fun and laugh. To honor Debbie, plant some flowers, feed an animal, inspire a child, go to church, laugh with friends and hug your family.

A funeral mass will be held Wednesday, August 13th at 11AM at St. Thomas the Apostle, 2914 W 44th St. Minneapolis. Visitation starting at 10:00 AM. If desired, memorials may be made to Jeremiah Program Minneapolis ([jeremiahprogram.org](http://jeremiahprogram.org)) or Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Minnesota ([wrcmn.org](http://wrcmn.org)).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah Anne Monchamp.* ”



August 12, 2025 at 09:01 AM



“ *I am sure that Deb and John had much to discuss, some good and some bad.* ”

**Teri Monchamp** - August 11, 2025 at 10:15 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Deborah Anne Monchamp.* ”



August 11, 2025 at 11:43 AM



“ *The Roberts, The Koerbers, The Quirings purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Deborah Anne Monchamp.* ”



**The Roberts, The Koerbers, The Quirings** - August 10, 2025 at 08:22 PM

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“ *Deb was such a wonderful teacher for our three boys.....and also she was a special friend to me. We had wonderful times together! I think of being with her at her beloved lake home sitting enjoying a cup of coffee on the porch and chatting about all her interests. We both loved gardening and she gifted me an anemone that is blooming now and makes me remember those times together.....she was special in so many ways. She touched my life and I will always cherish her. Suzanne knelman*

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**suzanne knelman** - August 07, 2025 at 05:26 PM

JC

“ *I was blessed to be around my cousin Debbie most of my life with visiting Minnesota and her coming to the East Coast. One particular memory from just a couple of years ago when she was living at the lake she wasn't answering the phone (shocker!). When I finally got in touch she had been on a ladder with a chainsaw taking care of some overhanging tree limbs!! God bless you Debbie. You will be missed. Love Janice and your cousins back East.*

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**Janice Kennedy Cross** - August 06, 2025 at 10:29 AM