



Debra Burke

January 13, 1970 - January 18, 2022

Burke, Debra

Age 52 of Minneapolis, passed away peacefully in her sleep on January 18, 2022. Preceded in death by her mother and father, Bruce and Catherine Burke. She will be deeply missed by her many family and friends. Survived by sister Amy (Jeff) Tiedens, niece Alyssa Tiedens, nephew Adam Tiedens, many cousins, aunts, uncles and many blessed godchildren.

Debra was born on January 13, 1970 in Golden Valley MN, grew up in north Minneapolis and graduated from South High School. Debra loved her South High (Tigers) friends, she was active in her high school choir, school plays and she organized many reunions. Debra attended Minneapolis College after graduation, she moved into a downtown Minneapolis Apartment at the age of 18, worked many jobs through the years and was always very independent. Debra owned her own Personal Care Assistant business named Break - Thru Home Care, Inc for 15 years. She had a strong passion to help others and was very dedicated to her work and to ensure all of her clients were well cared for. Debra was very giving to others, she would always put others' needs before her own. Debra volunteered for many years with the DFL party and was very active in improving policy and laws for the disabled. Debra was nicknamed "Cat Woman" to people who knew her well. She was a loving cat mom to many cats over the years. Debra also had a "Can Do Canines" service dog named Pepsi for 11 years. Debra had a gift of connecting with others through her service and community work, making new friendships

everywhere she went. She impacted so many with her spunk and kindness that we will all forever miss.

A memorial service will be held on March 26, 2022, visitation will be from 10:00 -11:00 am, memorial service at 11:00 am, followed by a reception at Washburn McReavy Glen Haven Chapel (5125 W. Broadway Ave., Crystal). Memorials or donations preferred to cover the memorial and burial costs.

Cemetery Details

Glen Haven Memorial Gardens

5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429
(763) 533-8643
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429
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Memorial Service

MAR 26. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Debra Burke.* ”



March 25, 2022 at 03:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Debra Burke.* ”



March 24, 2022 at 01:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Debra Burke.* ”



March 23, 2022 at 10:10 PM

SE

“Debbie was the light. She often text me in the morning with "Hello sunshine", my response "Hello sunlight". A true inspiration. I also recall her being a cheerleader when i played basketball at the local junior college. I used to think, "how" could so much courage and super dopeness be embodied by one person. Her refusal to allow her life be limited by what God' presented her, I've always admired. Her vibe is what most only dream to hold. I will miss my friend.

seangarrison - March 23, 2022 at 01:27 AM

TP

“Deb was always a pillar of strength when I was growing up, she lit the way for me in junior high, you will truly be missed.



Tito Perfecto - March 22, 2022 at 07:09 AM

MJ

“I'm so sorry to hear about Debra passing. I met her at my daughter Jackie's Celebration of Life in September. She was so kind and funny. It met a lot to me at such a sad time.

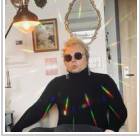


marlus Jackson - March 12, 2022 at 01:51 PM

MD

“The memories we made and hold on to shall serve as a reminder for how blessed we were to have Debra in our lives 💕💕 Wishing the family and friends of Debra, loving memories to warm your hearts, today and always. Love and Blessings, Michelle

Michelle Dennie - February 19, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ Debra was fiercely kind, always good for a laugh, and a reliable neighbor. I live two doors down from her, and she was an incredible neighbor to have. Debra was kind, caring, and had a loving heart. I will miss living next to her and seeing her regularly.

Gabriel Benson - January 22, 2022 at 02:08 PM

MC

“ While attending Minneapolis Community College Deb wanted to become a Cheerleader. Only problem was that once she was on the team we could not hear her stomp for some of the cheers Deb solved that problem by asking one of the maintenance personnel to make her a hollow board for the foot rest on her chair so that she would be heard. Deb extraordinarily had determination to be heard and enjoyed and met life with a smile every day. She left many examples of nothing is impossible when, not if You try. Will miss that beautiful smile.

Mary Childers - January 22, 2022 at 10:48 AM

CH

“ I met Debbie when we were four years old
We are exactly two months apart in age my
parents were hers and hers were mine
I remember when she got her first electric
wheelchair and was grounded from it because
we were tipping garbage cans with other kids
All the fun times swimming at courage center on Monday nights
So many memories I can write a book
I miss her so much we been thru so much my friend my sister love
ya miss u say hi to mom n dad for me I could write so much but I'll
cry more miss u my super sister



Charlene - January 21, 2022 at 11:23 PM

IP

I met Debbie when I was 17 years old before She became my supervisor at Skywalkers a youth delivery service in the downtown skyways system. We hung out a like and once I complete my CNA license I worked with her for 24 years I was her little brother as she would introduce me as. I watched her niece and nephew grow up and watched her grandkids grow up. We had our up and downs in our relationship but we always made peace with each other but the last few years we didn't get a chance to really see much of each other. But she loved my jello cakes at her last pot luck I made 3-4 cakes for her birthday party but she ask for a whole cake just for herself cuz she loved it so much lol 😂 She will be missed by so many. She is with her dad now I was also at her dads passing with the family. Much love to my big sister love you and If you see Big Tim up in heaven tell him I say hi and love and miss him too., ❤️❤️🤔🥹🥹🥹

israel payne - January 22, 2022 at 01:11 AM