



Debby

June 16, 1951 - October 7, 2019

Debra Kae Teske

Age 68, of Minneapolis passed away October 7th, 2019 in Minneapolis, MN. Debby was born to Delores and Harvey Teske on June 16th, 1951 in Mobridge, South Dakota. She loved music, church, history and travel. She especially enjoyed trips to Europe. Church was very important to her; she served as a church organist and choir director for over 52 years. Debby is survived by her sisters, Lorri Rieck and Lynette (Timothy) Aanerud; and her step-mother, Marcella Teske. She is also survived by her beloved nieces and nephews, Justin (Karen) Rieck, Christopher Rieck, Amy (Daniel) Trahearn, Allison and Rebecca Aanerud; and their children, Aiden, Cordelia, Lorelei, Sebastian, Matthew and Hannah. She always held a special place in her heart for her nieces, nephews and her grandnieces and nephews.. Debby was preceded in death by her parents, Harvey and Delores. Memorial service Saturday, 10/12 at 2PM at Valley of Peace Lutheran Church, 4735 Bassett Creek Dr. Golden Valley. Visitation beginning at 1PM.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **12**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Valley of Peace Lutheran Church
4735 Bassett Creek Dr
Golden Valley, MN 55422
(763) 588-4611

Memorial Service

OCT **12**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JH

“ I don't know if anyone will see this here in 2023, but I thought of Debby today and felt compelled to look up her obituary. Debby was an indelible, formative part of my childhood and young adult life as a multi-decade institution of the Valley of Peace Lutheran Church music program. She was with us performing simple choral pieces as youngsters, advanced choral pieces as our skills grew, solo and group instrumental performances, and once even allowed me to play a (tasteful) electric guitar solo during Sunday church service. Her support and pride in us was an unmistakable constant throughout. Her spirit lives on through her students and the lifelong love of music she helped inspire.

John Hoge - March 03, 2023 at 04:27 PM

MH

“ Debby was a delightful person. I worked with her from 1998-2008 at the Minnesota EMS Regulatory Board, and she had such a wonderful way with people. I was fortunate to have been able to spend an afternoon with her a year ago when I was in the Twin Cities for a visit. She was as delightful and funny as ever. Debby added much to this world. She will be missed.

Mary Hedges - October 13, 2019 at 11:39 AM

GB

“ Debbie was an asset to our school and church family. She shared her talents in our community musical and many school programs. Our lives were richer for her. I hope she knew of her worth. Go with the angels, Debbie.

Gene Von Bickerdyke - October 13, 2019 at 09:19 AM

PT

“ Like Jean Daniels, I had not seen Debby since high school until the 50th class reunion, although I do recently found a letter from her written to me during one of my summers running a swimming pool or at camp. I wasn't in music in high school, but I remember seeing her in her uniform and at concerts games etc. and always enjoyed talking with her and laughing with her. I loved her sense of humor, her wry and dry wit, her dedication to and gifts in sharing music, and that sense of responsibility and love and care and she had for her family during those very stressful years for them. We didn't get much of a chance to catch up earlier in the reunion, but thanks to Bonnie and Craig hosting the breakfast on Sunday morning, Debby and I had a wonderful chance for a long talk that morning and had a great discussion about her future plans, the future of churches and her commitment to social justice, and a look backwards as well. We were planning a coffee for the Minnesota contingent this fall sometime and I am so sorry to have missed that opportunity with her, as I was so looking forward to getting to know her better again after all these years. I am so saddened for the loss her close family and friends must be experiencing, she was a very special person. Her life was far too short, but she made much of it, and many of us are better because of it. Rest in peace.

Pamela Tranby - October 12, 2019 at 10:54 AM

JD

“ Debby and I were in high school together. I knew Debby mostly from her participation in band and orchestra. I hadn't had any contact with her after high school until our 50th high school class reunion in June 2019 in Aberdeen, South Dakota. It was a delight to catch up on all that Debby had been doing in the last 50 years and her plans for a life in retirement in Palm Springs. When I shared my memory of attending the Woodstock Music Festival in 1969, Debby told me a delightful story about how she and Liz Sloan had almost driven from South Dakota to Woodstock, NY, after Debby's father told her about the music festival. Alas, instead they drove to Berkeley, California, for a visit with Liz's brother. I'm sure the two of them had wonderful adventures on that trip. Debby generously shared her love of music and musical talents with so many people throughout her life. She was very dedicated to caring for her sister, Lorrie, after the death of their mother. I'm sure she will be deeply missed by all.
Jean (Lloyd-Davies) Daniels

Jean Daniels - October 11, 2019 at 07:49 PM

KB

“ She taught so much more than music. She was so very talented as a teacher. Her fingers made magic on the keyboard. A gifted musician that treated me like an individual. I'm a better person having known her.

Kym Bramwell - October 11, 2019 at 03:37 PM

MS

“ She was an amazing teacher and mentor to her students! I have so many , many fond memories of her, I was just thinking of her the other day 😊 and the gift she was to so many! I can only imagine the lives she touched! May she rest in the arms of Jesus! 🙏 Blessings to her and her family!

Meria Sperle - October 11, 2019 at 02:58 PM



“ *Debby was such a gifted musician. She worked with us on some projects that would not have come to fruition without her dedication and talents. The world is a lesser place since she left but heaven has gained a wonderful soul.*

Becky Holsti - October 11, 2019 at 12:38 PM

KW

“ *A sad goodbye to my high school music teacher.*

Keeta Wigger-Clemens - October 11, 2019 at 12:24 PM

LF

“ *Love Michael, Julie, Natalie and Hannah Fries purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Debby.*



Love Michael, Julie, Natalie and Hannah Fries - October 11, 2019 at 10:41 AM



“ *I graduated from high school with Debby. Lost track of each other after graduation but we were able to see each other again and visit at our 50th class reunion last summer in Aberdeen, SD. She was a joy to know and will leave a void in many hearts!! Rest in Peace Debby with your Lord and Savior!!*

Luella Grueneich - October 11, 2019 at 01:04 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Debby.*



October 10, 2019 at 10:16 PM



“ *In junior high I remember Debby playing her trumpet for the talent show at Simmons. I was her accompaniest. We had so much fun getting ready for that show. Reading her obituary I noticed that her birthday was June 16. This past June 14-16 was our 50th high school class reunion, and that's how she chose to spend her 68th birthday! I'm so glad she was there and we could visit. I had not seen her since high school.*

Debby's mom, Delores, gave me a book when she was in the hospital and I was in high school. The title was "Not My Will" by Francena Arnold. It had a great impact on my life. We are reading it for my book club this month! I always think of that book when I remember Debby and her mom.

Karen Dean Ernst

Karen Ernst - October 10, 2019 at 08:56 PM



“ *Love, Paul Olson and Mark Baumgartner purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Debby.*



Love, Paul Olson and Mark Baumgartner - October 10, 2019 at 03:00 PM