



Deborah A. Benoit

July 21, 1950 - November 13, 2021

Deborah Ann (Hart) Benoit, 71, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, MA.

Debbie was born in Springfield, MA on July 21, 1950 to the late Edward Hart and the late Gloria (Osborne) Hart. Debbie graduated from Cathedral High School in Springfield and attended Notre Dame College in Manchester, NH earning her master's degree in education. During her 40-year career in education, Debbie was employed as a teacher, an assistant principal, and a principal in the Catholic and public school systems.

Beside her parents, Debbie was predeceased by her loving husband of 38 years, Daniel Benoit, Sr. and her mother-in-law, Huguette Benoit. Debbie is survived by her three children: her daughter Lori Mutti and her husband, Matthew, of East Longmeadow, her son Daniel Benoit, Jr. and his wife Jamie of Springfield, and her son James Benoit and his wife Jessica of Springfield. She also will be deeply missed by her sister Donna Racette and her husband Roger of East Longmeadow, her sister Maryanne Guimond and her husband Frank of East Longmeadow, her brother-in-law Michael Benoit of Sherman, TX; and her four grandchildren who affectionately called her Nana: Grace and Faith Mutti and Jameson and Jackson Benoit. Her memory will also live on in the hearts of her beloved niece, nephews, cousins and friends. Debbie touched so many lives with her genuine kindness and sincere thoughtfulness. She always considered others' needs before her own, never expecting anything in return.

Friends and relatives are requested to gather on Friday, November 19, 2021 at St. Michael's Church, East Longmeadow, MA for a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10:30AM. She and her husband will be laid to rest in August of 2022 in St. Michael's Cemetery.

New England Funeral & Cremation Center, LLC, 25 Mill Street, Springfield, MA has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Please visit Deborah's memorial page at www.nefcc.net to express condolences. Memorial contributions can be made in Debbie's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or by visiting www.stjude.org/donate

To send a flower arrangement or to plant trees in memory of Deborah A. Benoit.

Tribute Wall

JC

“ In honor of Deborah A. Benoit, 1 memorial trees will be planted.\n\n\nIn loving memory of a wonderful person who will be loved and missed always.

A Sympathy Gift of Plant a Tree has been Planted In Loving Memory of Deborah A. Benoit courtesy of Jocelyn Castillo.

Jocelyn Castillo - February 14, 2023 at 09:58 AM

JP

“ My most sincere love, prayers and condolences to all of you. I feel like I lost my best friend. I'm going to miss her so much.

Joanne Picard - February 14, 2023 at 09:58 AM

LF

“ In honor of Deborah A. Benoit, 10 memorial trees will be planted.\n\n\nIn loving memory of Deborah, a wonderful person who will be loved and missed. We hope these trees will help keep her memory alive.

A Sympathy Gift of Group of 10 Trees has been Planted In Loving Memory of Deborah A. Benoit courtesy of Love, the Burst Family.

Love, the Burst Family - February 14, 2023 at 09:58 AM

PH

“ I am so sorry for the loss of such a wonderful person as Debbie. Debbie interviewed me and hired me as a reading teacher in Ware Middle School. She was the nicest principal I’ve ever had and I have very fond memories of sitting with her in the auditorium watching a children’s play and laughing together until we were both in tears. And there was also the incident when she and the head custodian chased down a student in a golf cart as he was running away, headed for the road. When they got to the edge of the lawn, the custodian told Debbie he wasn’t allowed to go any further. She promptly told him to forget that rule and step on the gas! They caught up with the kid before he got to the street and all three returned to the school safely! I will always remember her beautiful smile and sense of humor and I’m greatly saddened to know she has left us.

Patricia Harrington - February 14, 2023 at 09:58 AM

TP

“ I worked with Debbie’s husband Danny at Hartford Police Department and worked for him at Travelers Insurance Special investigations unit... we met and knew Debbie through him back in 1999. She was a kind and loving person and a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Rest In Peace Deb..

Timothy & Tina Palmer - February 14, 2023 at 09:58 AM