



## Deborah "Debbie" L. Smith

February 16, 1952 - December 31, 2018

Deborah Lee "Debbie" Smith, 66, most recently of Willow Street, PA, passed away peacefully Monday, December 31, 2018 at Hospice and Community Care of Mount Joy, PA. Memorial services will be on Monday, April 15, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney, NE. Graveside services will follow at the Kearney Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice & Community Care, 685 Good Drive, P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125. Please visit [www.hlmkfuneral.com](http://www.hlmkfuneral.com) to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney is in charge of final arrangements.

Born Saturday, February 16, 1952 in Fort Belvoir, VA, she was the daughter of Hugh J. Rath of Lexington, NE and the late Delores R. Rath.

Debbie worked in a variety of roles for some notable retail brands including J.C. Penney, Waldenbooks, Robert Scott & David Brooks and Bass Pro Shops. While working for Bass Pro Shops in Denver, Colorado she became an avid Denver Broncos fan. Through both her work and personal interests she enjoyed traveling and spending time with family and friends from coast to coast and never missed an opportunity to get her favorite drink at the local Starbucks.

Debbie is survived by sons, Greg Smith and wife Becky of Smithsburg, MD and Matthew Smith and wife Laura of San Diego, CA; daughter, Amanda Hollida and husband Steven of Malvern, PA. She was “Mom Mom” to nine grandchildren, Jordan, Ian, Anthony, Reagan, Emma, Ella, Spencer, Connor and Samantha and two great-grandchildren, Hailie and Harper; She is also survived by her father, Hugh Rath of Lexington, NE, brothers, Steven Rath of Elwood, NE and Michael Rath of Whitman, NE and her aunt, Barbara Krigbaum of Falls Church, VA; many beloved nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by brother, Ronald of Martinsburg, WV and sister, Beverly of Kearney, NE.

# Cemetery Details

## Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR 15. 1:00 PM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl  
2421 Avenue A  
Kearney, NE 68847  
(308) 237-2259  
<https://www.hlmkfuneral.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Deborah "Debbie" L. Smith*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *I had the honor and pleasure of knowing Debbie for the past two years while she resided at Willow Valley. We shared so many laughs, tears, frustrations, and trying moments. She truly was a dear friend and I will miss her so much! Love you and miss you Debbie!!!*

**Trish Hauber** - January 16, 2019 at 08:26 PM



“ *Class of 1970 sends our warmest thoughts and prayers to her family. God's blessings to her family.*

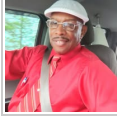
**Carrie B Hock** - January 13, 2019 at 07:53 PM



“ *A life lost too soon. Debbie was always a great "mom mom" to our shared grandson, Ian. Because of our distance I always knew he meant as much to his mom mom as he did to me and she was always there for him. So sorry that she wasn't able to be around longer to enjoy her family. RIP Debbie and maybe we'll see each other again.*

*Bob and Donna Hollida*

**Donna Hollida** - January 11, 2019 at 09:24 PM



*Although Debbie moved out of the area, I have fond memories of going to her house in weekends with usually with a car load of children , she was always kind and generous. i also have fond memories of great camping with my and her family. Debbie, thank you for the fond memories.*

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**Manuel Washington** - January 14, 2019 at 07:43 PM

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“ *I had the pleasure and privilege to work with Debbie at Bass Pro Shops Denver. I was her lead when she worked in the Ladie’s Department. She was a hard worker and always ready to help out in whatever way needed. She talked about her family frequently, and though we were sorry to see her leave Bass Pro we all knew she was moving to be closer to those she loved. May the peace of the lord be a other her always.*

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**Kathie Deigert** - January 11, 2019 at 11:45 AM

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“ *Debbie was a friend in WV to me. She loved going to movies and out to eat. Debbie was in our group Circle of Friends. She loved to smile, and loved to talk. Debbie will be missed but I will always have good memories of her. Linda Kohler*

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**Linda Kohler** - January 11, 2019 at 05:03 AM

LK

“ *Linda Kohler lit a candle in memory of Deborah "Debbie" L. Smith*



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**Linda Kohler** - January 11, 2019 at 04:58 AM

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“ I have such fun memories of Debbie and her family during our early years. Both Hugh and Dodie made me feel so welcome in their home and I was incredibly jealous that she had brothers in addition to her sister. Hugh called me Stretch because I was tall and it usually made Deb roll her eyes - she had no idea I liked her dad giving me a nickname. I wish I could have know Deb better during our adult years and shared all of our life changes.

*Sincere condolences to Hugh and Debbie's brothers, you have all had to suffer too much loss in your family. Condolences also to the children and grandchildren of Deb, I'm so sorry for your loss, I know you have been through sad and difficult times and that she will be missed by you all.*

*Connie Kugler Swails*

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**Connie Swails** - January 10, 2019 at 08:58 PM

JJ

“ I worked with Debbie at Waldenbooks. I have many fond memories of her. I remember her pulling all the train magazines to share with her grandson. Her face always lit up when talking about her family. She loved her family deeply.

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**Jen Johnson** - January 10, 2019 at 08:05 PM