



## Deborah A Smith

May 23, 1965 - July 2, 2020

Deborah A. Smith (Deb) of Lumberton, NJ, age 55, passed away peacefully July 2, 2020 after a battle with cancer. Deb was born on May 23, 1965 in Sunbury, PA to Dan and Judy Hilbish. She married Steven Smith in August 1986.

Deb was a register nurse and had worked in a number of different positions throughout her career. Deb enjoyed a variety of outdoor activities. She was an excellent water skier. Deb hiked to the bottom of the Grand Canyon and to the tops of Mount Washington and Sub Dome in Yosemite National Park. Just two years ago, she braved heli-skiing at Whistler in British Columbia, Canada. Deb and Steven kayaked around the Statue of Liberty and almost got arrested for trying to land on Liberty Island. Spending long afternoons on the beach at Avalon, playing games and having “refreshments” out of Solo cups were common summertime fun activities. Deb enjoyed going to concerts. Tom Petty and the Eagles were her favorites.

Deb had a passion for animals, especially dogs. She enjoyed her many charitable works. Whether it was sheltering rescue dogs or driving elderly cancer patients to their appointments, she found much joy in helping others. Her love and compassion for others were felt by all.

Deb’s greatest love was her family. She would organize events so that her husband, children, grandchildren, parents, siblings, uncle, cousins and in-laws could all join together a spend time with each other. Although Deb was not a sports fan, she loved going to watch her sons play hockey and other sports.

Deb was so proud of each one of her sons and the men they have grown to be. After all of the years surrounded by boys and sports, Deb was happy to welcome two great daughter in-laws to the family. The birth of her twin grandchildren just over a year ago brought such joy to her life.

Deb had many close friends. Each of her loyal friends provided many cherished memories.

Deb is survived by her loving husband Steven; parents Dan and Judy Hilbish of Northumberland, PA; children Aaron Smith (Melissa) of Mt. Laurel, NJ, Ryan Smith (Ashley) of Lumberton, NJ and Kyle Smith of Lumberton, NJ; grandchildren Cooper and Cameron Smith of Mt. Laurel, NJ; sister Cathy (Mike) Bogovich of Chicago, IL; brother Brad Hilbish of Camp Hill, PA; uncle Joe Hilbish (Sol) of Northumberland, PA; numerous cousins, in-laws, nieces and nephews and her devoted dog Jackson.

A visitation will be held on Monday July 6, 2020 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Perinchief Chapels, 438 High Street Mount Holly, NJ. Due to Covid restrictions, the Tuesday July 7, 2020 at 11:00 AM funeral held at Sacred Heart Church 260 High Street Mount Holly, NJ will be limited to close family and friends. All family and friends are invited to celebrate Deb's life at a Tuesday July 7, 2020 luncheon from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM at the Moorestown Community House 16 E Main Street Moorestown, NJ.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions please maintain to social distancing guidelines as well as wearing a mask when entering the funeral home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 6. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels  
438 High St.  
Mount Holly, NJ 08060  
(609) 267-0399

# Tribute Wall



“ *Deborah A Smith*

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Deborah A Smith*

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *Dan, Judy and Family... we are so sorry for your loss...May the Grace of God give you strength during this time..... Tom and Jan Hilbish*

**Tom Hilbish** - July 07, 2020 at 11:01 AM



“ *I am saddened to hear this news, I don't get a newspaper but my daughter told me. We were all neighbors back on Sherry Ann Drive. All the kids played so well together, street hockey, jail break, basketball. I got divorced and moved away. Deb and I recently ran into each other. We always had great stories of our children. I'm so glad we remained friends, we might not have kept in touch but she was a great friend. My condolences to Steve, Aaron, Ryan, Kyle and the remaining family.*

*Holly Campbell, Brandon and Breanna Schmidt*

**Holly Campbell** - July 06, 2020 at 05:39 PM

AH

“ Grace under fire, that's what Debbie was. A beautiful human being. So sad she was taken way to soon.  
I will think of you often Debbie and your ways.  
Alice Hart, coworker

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Alice Hart - July 06, 2020 at 03:44 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Deborah A Smith.



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July 06, 2020 at 09:29 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah A Smith.



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July 06, 2020 at 08:26 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Deborah A Smith.



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July 06, 2020 at 07:57 AM

DG

“ My deepest sympathy to Deb's family. I worked with Deb at the allergy office. She was such a pleasure to work with. There are so many memories and fun times at the office. We worked as a team and Deb was a positive team player. The last time I saw Deb was at our office get together. She always took things in stride and never complained. She will be greatly missed. We were all looking forward to get together again. Unfortunately with the covid 19 we weren't able to. RIP Deb  
Diane Gusrang

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**Diane Gusrang** - July 05, 2020 at 06:33 PM

LB

“ Love, Bob, Baxter and Boorda. purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Deborah A Smith.



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**Love, Bob, Baxter and Boorda.** - July 05, 2020 at 05:50 PM

JW

“ To the Smith & Hillbish families, Debbie began as a fellow nurse & coworker in the allergy office but soon became someone who I considered a true friend. Her energy, ambition, adventurous spirit, kindness, her smile & laugh and mostly love the of her family & friends is something I'll always remember .  
My sincere condolences to all who loved her.  
Jean Wagner

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**Jean Wagner** - July 05, 2020 at 05:33 PM

CF

“ To the Smith and Hillbish families:

*Deb is everything in a woman to be admired and I learned so much from her and true friendship throughout the years, treasuring every moment we spent together. We shared so much of our lives , thoughts and time , and a huge part of me left with her.*

*Debbie will remain in my and my family's heart forever and the beautiful , kind and loving person she was.*

*Our deepest sympathy is with you all .*

*Love,*

*Carol ,John, Jarrod and Lauren Clark.*

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**Carol Clark and family** - July 05, 2020 at 04:59 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Deborah A Smith.*



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July 05, 2020 at 03:14 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Deborah A Smith.*



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July 05, 2020 at 01:16 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Deborah A Smith.*



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July 05, 2020 at 12:47 PM



“ *Debbie was a wonderful person. She was my confirmation sponsor when I joined the church as an adult. She was a good friend to me and her children played with mine when they were little. I was always sorry we lost touch. Rip Debbie. I hope you find Jessica in heaven because it would be nice for her to be with you. Sending my love and prayers to Steve, Aaron, Ryan, and Kyle. Nancy and Jim Rose*

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**nancy rose** - July 05, 2020 at 12:36 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss....Prayers for your family Deb 🙏 may they find comfort in happy memories they have made with you. I am remembering the sleep overs and good times we had growing up. Thank you for the great memories and your friendship much love to you and your family 🙏💕*

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**Joni Bowman Chamberlain** - July 05, 2020 at 12:11 AM

CS

“ Hello Judy, Dan, Brad and Kathy. Our family will always cherish the days when we would visit you all and spend time on the farm. Deb was always smiling and a joy to be around. She had patience for our younger children and helped keep them busy. Even though our lives did not touch personally since Deb married and moved to N.J., we kept track of her growing family and heard about her wonderful, awesome, funny, smart boys!

*Judy, the very proud grandmother... the very proud mother.....*

*So sorry for the whole family in your loss of this amazing, beautiful woman. God Bless You. We will remember. We will continue to pray for all of you.*

*Love, Jim & Char*

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**Charlyn D Snyder** - July 04, 2020 at 06:40 PM

BS

“ *Bob and Arleen Stolzenberger purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Deborah A Smith.*



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**Bob and Arleen Stolzenberger** - July 04, 2020 at 12:16 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Deborah A Smith.*



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July 04, 2020 at 10:20 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah A Smith.*



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July 04, 2020 at 09:26 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Deborah A Smith.*



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July 04, 2020 at 02:29 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deborah A Smith.*



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July 03, 2020 at 11:55 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah A Smith.*



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July 03, 2020 at 07:51 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah A Smith.*



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July 03, 2020 at 06:25 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Deborah A Smith.*



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July 03, 2020 at 05:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Deborah A Smith.*



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July 03, 2020 at 04:24 PM