



Deborah J Stevens

December 10, 1957 - March 21, 2021

Deborah J. (Debbie) Stevens passed on March 21, 2021 in Camden, NJ after a long and courageous battle with breast cancer. She was born in the same city on December 10, 1957, the first of five children born to Wesley DeVoe and his wife Jeanne (dec.).

Debbie was many things, to many people. From daughter, to sister, to wife, to mother, to aunt, to Mom-Mom, she lovingly and devotedly filled each role. She worked hard to complete each and every task to the best of her abilities, so it should come as no surprise that she was valedictorian of her high school class. She went out west for studies and became a travel agent, working for Rosenbluth Travel for many years. She loved recalling her fun and exciting travel stories (and funny mishaps) and when her next adventure came along, wife and motherhood, she put away her passport and with utmost dedication created a stable, loving home for her husband and three daughters. During these years she would still travel, babies and all, accompanied by her beloved sister. She loved the beach and was especially fond of visiting Ocean City, NJ with her family every year.

After her own children were nearly grown, her sister became a mother of six and she jumped right into her new role of "Aunt Debbie". With a gentle, calming presence she loved these children and nurtured them as she had her own. She got to welcome three grandsons into this world and was promoted to "Mom-Mom", and she was excitedly anticipating the birth of twin boys to bring the total to five boys this Spring. She loved her friends and playing board

games, going to the diner with her dad, playing Sudoku and other puzzle books, wet walnut sundaes and milkshakes.

When she heard of any need, friend or stranger, she would selflessly try to fill it. She was a member of Bethel Baptist Church for many, many years and took great pride in the Awana “Sparky” program she ran for over 30 years. She especially loved working with children and volunteered in the nursery and Sunday School as well, until she was physically and mentally unable to do so. She helped with props and lighting for the Easter cantatas each Spring, and VBS each Summer. She was a steadfast Christian woman and a beautiful example of what it means to live a Christ-like life.

Debbie is survived by her loving and devoted husband of nearly 40 years Joseph J. Stevens; her daughters Jennifer, Victoria and Lindsey and their families; her father Wesley DeVoe; her siblings: Cherie, Dan and Tim and their families; and her beloved nieces, nephews and grandbabies: Tim, Tyler, Kelsey, Jaylyn, Ben, Maddie, Michael, Finn, Levi and the twins. She also leaves behind countless friends, relatives and loved ones. Among other dear relatives who preceded her in death she joins her mother, Jeanne and brother Stephen in heaven.

Funeral services will be held at Bethel Baptist Church 1704 Springdale Rd., Cherry Hill, N.J. on Saturday, March 27, 2021. Family viewing hours are 9 – 9:30 am; public viewing hours are 9:30-11am, with a service immediately following at 11:00am. If you would prefer you may watch the live stream of the service at this link: https://youtu.be/6vLwUQ_Imk0

In lieu of flowers, the Stevens family respectfully requests that you consider donating to the following: <https://www.gofundme.com/aunt-debbie-fund>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel Baptist Church
1704 Springdale Rd
Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

Funeral Service

MAR 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Deborah J Stevens*

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Deborah J Stevens*

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Deborah J Stevens.*



March 26, 2021 at 12:43 PM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Deborah J Stevens.*



March 26, 2021 at 10:44 AM

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“ I met Mrs. Stevens when Jenny and I became friends in 7th grade. I stayed for dinner after school one evening, and Mrs. Stevens made Shake 'n' Bake pork chops, which I had never had before. That was then my birthday dinner request for the rest of my childhood. Fast forward to 2004. Jenny and I have remained friends after close to a decade of memories made with both of our families, but adult life has now gotten in the way and we aren't able to see each other often. My grandmother passed away suddenly just before Christmas. I remember looking up and seeing a familiar face emerge from the funeral crowd--Mrs. Stevens. She hugged me and in that moment, I felt safe. Life continued and I was able to share in other milestones with the family. I sweetly remember capturing the first time she held Finn in the hospital. I am grateful I was there to witness that moment. I am devastated that I'm unable to travel up there to now pay her my respects. My heart goes out to her family as you navigate this new life without her earthly presence. My thoughts and love are with you all.

Ashley Saetta Jones - March 25, 2021 at 07:47 AM



Thank you my sweet Ashes ❤️

Jenny McGowan - March 25, 2021 at 09:24 AM