



Debra Jean Toutant

September 9, 1963 - February 3, 2019

Debra J. Toutant (née Gruber) died February 3, 2019 at Samaritan Hospice, Voorhees, NJ. Debra was born September 9, 1963 as the fifth and last child of Audrey (Sesher) Gruber and the late Arthur C. Gruber, in Mt. Holly, NJ. Debra grew up in Willingboro, NJ, later moving with her parents to Newburyport, MA. She graduated from Newburyport High School, and later completed multiple Associate degrees at Northern Essex Community College, MA, and Mercer County College, NJ, as well as receiving a 3-year Diploma in Nursing from Helene Fuld School of Nursing, Trenton, NJ.

Debra is survived by her mother, Audrey Gruber, of River Bend, NC; her husband of 25 years, John J. Toutant; her son John P. (J.P.) Toutant; and her daughter Erin J. (E.J.) Toutant, all of Lumberton, NJ; her four siblings, eldest sister Terri (Larry) Pagani, of Willingboro, NJ; sister Pat Ryder, of Lititz, PA; brother Jeff Gruber (Angela) of Boston, MA; and brother Tim Gruber, of Allentown, PA; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Debra loved her family and friends dearly. Her memory is especially precious to her long-time friends, Terri (Steve) Dyess, of Rochester Hills, MI; Terri's sister, Wendy Butler, of Pine Hill, NJ; and to Debra's godchildren, Matthew, Aaron, and Gaby Dyess, of Rochester Hills, MI. Debbie loved American Sign Language, having learned it in college. She became an Emergency Medical

Technician, following in the footsteps of her parents, and was a Life Member of the Willingboro Emergency Squad. She met her husband John through the Squad. Debbie and John attended nursing school together, becoming RN's and working in the field, before their children came along. Debbie studied Tang Soo Do Korean karate for many years, rising to the prestigious level of 3rd-degree Black Belt. One of Debbie's greatest joys was her ten years on the staff of Liberty Lake Day Camp, Columbus, NJ, spending many summers teaching the finer points of cooking to hundreds of children ages 4 and up. Yes, she gave them real knives. More recently, Debra was employed as a teacher's aide with the Mt. Laurel Board of Education, and lastly she worked with Wawa, Inc. as a cashier in their Lumberton store, at Routes 38 and 541. She was a life-long collector of all things Snoopy and Peanuts. She identified strongly with the happy-go-lucky, smiling and dancing beagle...

In accordance with her wishes, Debra will be cremated, at the convenience of the family. A Celebration of Life is tentatively scheduled to be held Saturday, February 23rd, at the First United Methodist Church of Delran, located at 32 Conrow Road, Delran, NJ, between Hartford and Haines Mill Roads. The specific time will be announced. Anyone wishing to make donations in Debra's memory may do so with Samaritan Hospice, 265 Route 73 South, Voorhees, NJ 08043, or with a local volunteer ambulance service.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Delran
32 Conrow Road
Delran, NJ

Tribute Wall



“ *Debra Jean Toutant*

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Debra Jean Toutant*

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *With Sympathy Tazo Tea Basket was purchased for the family of Debra Jean Toutant.*



February 18, 2019 at 08:56 AM



“ *John and Family, I am very sorry for your loss. I hope you find peace in all the good memories you have shared with your loved one.*

Cathy Petrino

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