



# Debra J. Paxton

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**F**LORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 9AM WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2020 TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.

Debra Jane Paxton, 65

REHOBOTH BEACH - Debra (Debbie) Jane Paxton completed her fruitful and loving life journey on August 4th, 2020 at her beloved home in Rehoboth Beach. Debbie was born on April 28th, 1955 to the late Edward Paxton and Jeanette Paxton-Norman in Darby, Pennsylvania.

During Debbie's early life, she moved with her mother, stepfather Earle Norman, and siblings to Delaware, where she would spend the remainder of her life. She attended elementary school and middle school at various schools in the Milton Consolidated School District (Now Cape Henlopen School District) and Capital School District. Debbie graduated from Dover High School in June of 1973. After High School Debbie was blessed with her first daughter, Cherie, in 1974, and afterwards devoted most of her time supporting her new family working at Parkowski, Noble & Guerke as an Administrative Assistant. Debbie gave birth to her first son, Jason in 1985. Afterwards, Debbie left work to devote time to her growing family. Soon after the birth of her first son, Debbie gave birth to her second daughter, Jennifer in 1987.

In 1989, Debbie began her long career working in public education as an administrative assistant in the Capital School District. In 1994 Debbie gave birth to her youngest child and second son, Patrick. Debbie continued to work in the Capital School District, serving at various schools around Dover while attending adult education courses at Delaware Technical and Community College. Debbie left the Capital School District to work at the Christina School District in Wilmington where she also held various roles in the Christina Secretaries Association, including her role as President, to ensure fair pay and treatment of district administrative staff. While she was in Wilmington, Debbie also continued her education, taking courses at Goldey-Beacom College. In 2012, Debbie fulfilled a lifelong dream, moving to Rehoboth Beach where she worked



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the remainder of her professional career for the Cape Henlopen School District, at the Sussex Consortium.

Debbie began her well-earned retirement in the spring of 2018 in order to pursue her many passions and spend time with her family, who were her life's greatest treasure. Through her life, Debbie had become a woman of many passions and she wore many hats. She had a passion for fitness and served at various Gyms around Dover as a fitness instructor; she loved to tend bar, serving at various bars around Dover, and most recently tending the bar on the Cape May-Lewes Ferry. Debbie had an intense passion for baking; she briefly ran a wedding cake business, and every holiday (especially Christmas) she would bake cookies to give out. Debbie's children, family, and friends always looked forward to receiving her annual Christmas cookies, and it's often said that she made the best cookies. Debbie also loved cats and her books, which she fell asleep with most nights. Debbie's yard was easily recognizable due to the vibrant gardens she grew. She spent time every day taking great care of her many plants and flowers. Debbie had a lifelong passion for the beach, frequently recounting trips to the beach during her youth with her family, and in recent years, she spent as much time on the sand and boardwalk as her busy schedule would allow. Debbie also loved to crochet, and some of her children's favorite and most meaningful gifts were the blankets she hand-made for them. She also crocheted dishcloths and cat beds for all the cats she knew. Though Debbie was a woman of many hats, great passions, and great talent, her greatest treasure and source of pride in life was her family and her friends, who she loved unconditionally. Debbie would drive from Delaware just to pay her children and grand-children visits, often driving as far as Florida just for a brief trip.

In addition to her parents, Debbie was preceded in death by her stepfather Earle Norman and her sister Sherri Sheldon. Debbie is survived by all of her children - Cherie Feaster, Jason Lambertson, Jennifer Lambertson, and Patrick Lynn III; two siblings - Donna Pusey, and Brian Norman; three grandchildren - Gavin Feaster, Lauren Feaster, and Teagan Lambertson; as well as numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. Debbie is also survived by her boyfriend Dave Dobraniecki. She is also survived by her dearest friends - Pat Lynn Jr., Nancy Sykes, and MJ Benson.

A celebration of life will be held on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 3:00 PM, at Parsell Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE, where friends may visit beginning at 2:00 PM. A memorial mass will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 10:00 AM, at the Church of the Holy Cross, 631 South State Street, Dover, DE.



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Due to the dangers associated with the spread of Covid 19, all attendees shall wear a mask and maintain social distancing at all times while attending any aspect of the funeral services.

The family kindly requests that flowers be ordered through Jen-Mor Florist, 2109 S Dupont Hwy, Dover, DE <https://www.jenmor.com/>

Please sign the online guestbook located on the tribute page.




# Events


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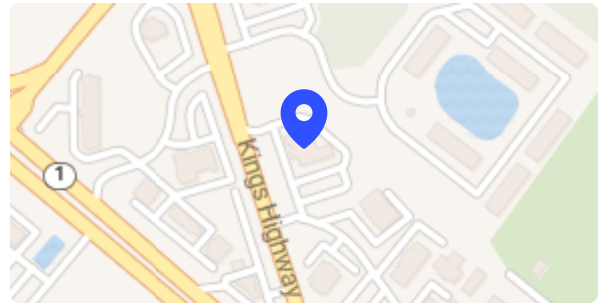
## Visitation

 **Wednesday**, August 12, 2020

 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET


 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-  
Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



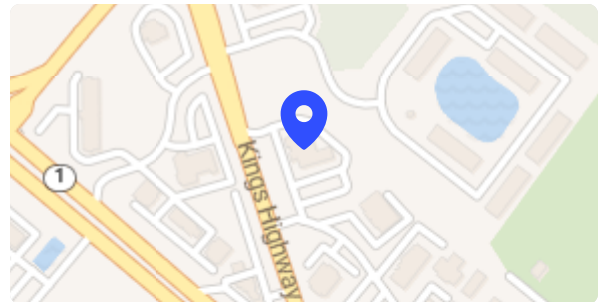
## Celebration of life

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## Tribute Wall

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JE

**Jeanne Embich** posted:

I have been keeping Debbie's family and good friends close to my heart and in my thoughts. I always felt comforted and blessed to have her as my neighbor. Since the day I met her, I admired her. With my deepest sympathy, Jeanne

August 17 at 3:17 PM

AB

**Anne Marie Vockel Bryan** shared an album called **Memory**.



August 13 at 9:15 AM

BL

**Barbara Lucas** lit a candle in honor of Debra.

So sorry to hear of Debbie's passing. I met her years ago when we both worked at the law offices of Brown, Shiels & Barros. Our paths crossed a few other times throughout the years. Debbie was such a kind, caring person. RIP



August 12 at 5:15 PM

AM

**Anne Meledandri** posted:

Debbie was a wonderful person. We had some great laughs together. RIP Deb! Sending Love and Peace to her family. Anne

August 12 at 2:29 PM

GK

**Gary Kremer** posted:

My deepest condolences for the family during the passing of Debra Paxton. I knew her in high school somewhat & she was always a very nice outgoing person. The family has my thoughts & prayers. May she now R.I.P.

August 12 at 11:08 AM



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BW

**Brandy Ward** lit a candle in honor of Debra.

She was a very kind person and will be greatly missed

August 12 at 6:45 AM



TN

**The Brocksons And The Nais** sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Paxton family.

August 12 at 4:20 AM



WS

**Wendy Surguy** posted:

Debbie was my second mom. Always there with Cherie and I ..... keeping us out of trouble. Her smile will be missed but her life was full. Let's keep her and the family in prayer . Wendy Surguy (Krone)

August 12 at 2:52 AM

RA

**Raechel** lit a candle in honor of Debra.

Rest in peace Aunt Debbie. We love you.

August 11 at 8:19 PM



CJ

**Cindi Lee Johnson** lit a candle in honor of Debra.

I am shocked and so sad to hear this. Debbie was one of the 1st people I met when I moved here. A Hokie Mom, she was so proud of her kids. Always up for dinner or a walk on the boardwalk, I will miss her kind spirit. Prayers for Dave and family. Rest easy my friend. Cindi Johnson

August 11 at 2:30 PM



RS

**Richard Shockley** posted:

Debbie captured my heart the first time I met her when I was 24. A few years later, we met again thru mutual friends and became good friends. This truly breaks my heart.

August 11 at 2:04 PM



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DS

**Debbie Spinelli** lit a candle in honor of Debra.

I am in complete shock!! How can such a beautiful, fun loving and giving person with a big heart be gone and way too young? Knowing Debbie, she had so much more in life to accomplish! Debbie was a long time friend/co-worker of mine from Christina School District. We served on many committees together, went to conventions, went out to dinner, hung out at the beach and just always kept in touch. I could always count on her no matter what she was there for you. She always talked about her family, she loved them dearly and so proud of them. When I saw Debbie last summer she was laughing, lots of energy and working at the "on the rocks" outdoor events, where she was enjoying life and her retirement. I am so saddened by this and she will be deeply missed. Prayers to you and the family.



August 11 at 10:31 AM

LS

**Love, Debbie Scully** sent an Arrive in Style to the Paxton family.



August 11 at 8:01 AM

RD

**Ruth Ann Disabatino** posted:

Debbie was of the most kind, smart and beautiful person I know. I am so saddened and I offer my deepest sympathy. I know she will be missed and the world is a lesser place with out her. Debbie was such a blessing to our Secretary Association. Her high energy and ideas were amazing. But it was so clear that her main focus was her family. I hope that you can find comfort that she was a part of your life while she was here. Gone to soon, but loved completely. God Bless. Sincerely, Ruth Ann DiSabatino

August 11 at 7:27 AM

RM

**Robert March** posted:

Wendy and I express our condolences to Deb's family and friends. We will miss her smile and her friendship. We enjoyed spending time with her, talking about her various jobs, her family and friends and her life at the beach. She cared deeply about her family and friends. .. Bob and Wendy March

August 11 at 6:57 AM



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**Christine Hunter** lit a candle in honor of Debra.

When Debbie worked at the Transportation Office, she was always there to help me out when I needed the help. She was a "Great" person and I will truly miss her.

August 11 at 6:49 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Paxton family.

August 11 at 6:30 AM



**Kathy Ward** lit a candle in honor of Debra.

August 11 at 6:27 AM



**Steve Shevock** lit a candle in honor of Debra.

August 11 at 6:01 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Paxton family.

August 11 at 5:35 AM



**Tish Jones** lit a candle in honor of Debra.

August 11 at 5:26 AM





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**Francine Lloyd** lit a candle in honor of Debra.



August 11 at 4:31 AM



**Francine Lloyd** posted:

I only knew her for a short while she was a very nice person. She will be sadly missed. Francine Lloyd.

August 11 at 4:30 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Paxton family.



August 10 at 5:36 PM



**Jamie And Angela Waple** posted:

We have only known Debbie for a short time but consider her a great friend that made a quick impact on my wife and myself. We will miss your smile and energy. Gods speed Debbie and May God bless your family

August 10 at 4:23 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Paxton family.



August 10 at 2:42 PM



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CC

**Candice Casey** posted:

Debbie was full of life and showed pride for her children. I enjoyed working with Debbie at Christiana School District. I valued Debbie as a friend and always looked forward to her baked goods and drinks. Debbie will be missed.

August 10 at 2:13 PM

AB

**Anne Marie Vockel Bryan** August 13 at 9:12 AM

I want to send my sincere condolences to Debbie's family. As a cousin, I saw her frequently when we were young but, unfortunately, not so much as we got older. It appears that was my loss. She was a beautiful person. Hope she will watch over you and help you through this. I am posting a photo of Debbie when she was young. Should I come across more, please let me know with whom I should share or forward them.

GP

**George & Mary Perasso** August 13 at 5:40 AM

We worked with Debbie at the school. She scheduled our shifts. Right off the bat we really liked her. Always nice to talk with. Was shocked to hear of her passing. Another angel in Heaven. R.I.P.God Bless, George & Mary Perasso

SM

**Suzanne Miles** August 11 at 7:13 AM

my heart goes out to her family and friends. i have a memory of celebrating her birthday when she was at Christina School District..she was so funny...someone made a comment of being 29 again...she said.."i'd like to see 29,39 or even 49 again". I think about that with every birthday and smile remembering her laughing.we had the dark color wardrobe in common also. God Bless you Debbie. Suzanne Miles

TP

**Teresa Price** August 11 at 6:54 AM

Deb was a wonderful person with much love to give. She served on the Delaware Association of Educational Office Professionals as a Board member and worked for Caesar Rodney School District for a brief time. She will be truly missed.

RW

**Ruth Wright** August 10 at 5:07 PM

Debbie, the mother of my best friend Cherie, was passionate about her family, and involved in their lives. I admire the strength and perseverance and work ethic that Debbie showed. I enjoyed the times I had with her at family events. She cared deeply for those she loved, and will be greatly missed. Rest in peace Debbie. Ruth



**Anne Marie Vockel Bryan** shared a photo to the **Memory** album.

August 13 at 9:15 AM



Debbie on Easter @ 1958



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Debra by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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