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FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 3PM TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.

Deborah A. Owens, age 65 of Lewes, DE, passed away on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at her home. She was born on October 5, 1954 in Philadelphia, PA, daughter of Joyce Powell and the late Robert Neerland.

Debbie had a huge heart and was a bright light in so many people's lives. At age 11, she was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes, and through all the obstacles she faced with her health, she was never one to complain. At age 36, she gave birth to her daughter, Caitlin, and was beyond grateful to have been given the gift to conceive. Shortly after her pregnancy, Debbie completed nursing school at Beebe School of Nursing. She worked within Beebe Hospital and gave compassionate care to every one of her patients. Prior to marrying into the Owens' family, Debbie was warmly welcomed by Jim's mother and 8 brothers and sisters. She quickly became the "6th" sister. Debbie had a deep appreciation for the arts, especially the ballet, and took classes into adulthood. Her love for Broadway was known by everyone.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the wonderful staff at Beebe Medical Center and Frenesius Kidney Care, who cared for Debbie over the last year.

In addition to her father, Debbie was preceded in death by her stepfather, Benjamin Powell; her grandmother, Edith Goodwin; her mother-in-law, Marilyn Owens; and her aunts: Marianne Owens and Fay Santangini. She is survived by her beloved husband of 35 years, James M. Owens of Lewes, DE; her mother, Joyce Powell; her daughter, Caitlin A. Owens of Lewes, DE; her brother, Richard Neerland (Deborah) of Ridley Park, PA; and her nieces: Jacqueline Neerland and Julie Neerland. Debbie is also survived by her in-laws, the Owens Family, to whom she became the sixth sister; and her extended families in Minnesota, the Neerlands and Blewitts.



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A celebration of Debbie's life will be held on Wednesday, September 2, 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. Interment will take place at a later date at Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Springfield, PA.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, social distancing protocols must be observed and masks must be worn by everyone participating in any aspect of the services.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in Debbie's memory to The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, JD RF, PO BOX 37920, Boone IA 50037-0920, the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105.

Please sign the online guestbook located on the tribute page.

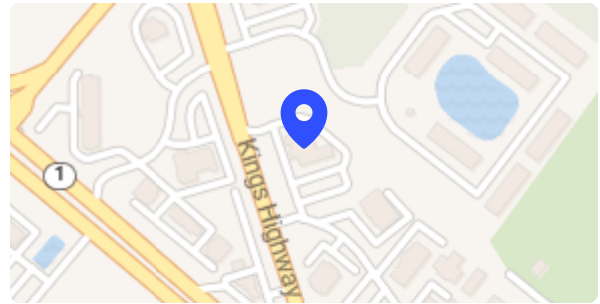


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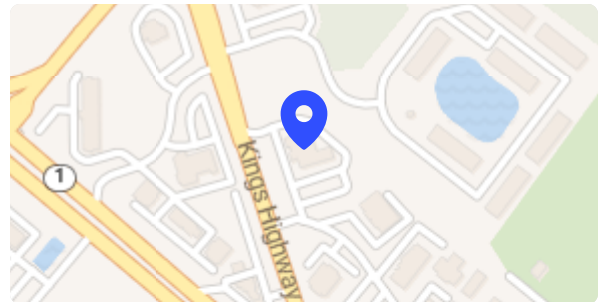
Visitation

- Wednesday**, September 2, 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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Celia Shearman posted:

My deepest sympathies for your loss. A Mass will be offered for Deb at St. Jude The Apostle Church in Lewes on Sunday February 28th 830.Celia

September 19 at 5:26 AM



Dennis Trencher posted:

A wonderful person I will miss herDennis Trencher

September 3 at 4:45 PM



Anonymous sent a sympathy card to the Owens family.



September 2 at 8:01 AM



Maryann Hopkins posted:

R.I.P. dear Deb---you brought smiles-love and joy to so many people.You will always have a special place in my heart.

September 2 at 5:23 AM



Karen Stunson lit a candle in honor of Deborah.

Debbie was strong, courageous, kind and very much loved by her friends
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September 1 at 7:51 PM



Dan Moos posted:

Beautiful soul i will miss her. She had a special look and laugh when Jim and I would be goofing off. Her and Marilyn can look down and say what are they up to now. Love you Deb !

September 1 at 2:58 PM



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KJ

Kim Jones lit a candle in honor of Deborah.

Worked with Deb at the School of Nursing, we had a great time working together. A lot of laughs and fond memories. So glad we met as she is a wonderful person with such a huge heart. She will be greatly missed by all that had the pleasure of knowing her.



September 1 at 11:00 AM

KS

Kerry Spieker September 4 at 5:31 AM

I am very sorry for your loss. I meet Debbie and Jim when their daughter Caitlin was in preschool with my daughter. I remember them as being such a loving family. Caitlin grew into a loving caring healthcare provider like her parents as I witnessed when she cared for my step father at Bebee. I was very sad to hear of your loss and just wanted to relay my sympathies to you both. Sincerely, Kerry Spieker



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Owens family.



September 1 at 10:12 AM

JH

Joanne Hoffman lit a candle in honor of Deborah.



August 31 at 5:06 PM

JH

Joanne Hoffman posted:

Dear Jim, I am so sorry to hear of Debbie's passing. My deepest sympathy to you and your daughter. My thoughts and prayers are with you and family. God Bless. JoAnne Hoffman

August 31 at 5:06 PM

DI

Diane posted:

Debbie was a warm light of gracious friendship. A plentiful touch of class and a delight to know. She will be missed. Diane G.

August 31 at 11:28 AM



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Marie Pinder posted:

Fen. Debbie, Jim & Caitlin were special people to me. I will forever cherish their friendship. Debbie was a good person. I am very sad to learn of her passing.

August 31 at 11:07 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Owens family.



August 29 at 11:56 AM



Lois Bixby posted:

Debbie was always kind and compassionate she faced with resilience and was a bright light. She was so happy to be a mother and was blessed and loved by her family.

August 29 at 10:53 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Owens family.



August 29 at 10:51 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Owens family.



August 29 at 8:40 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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