



Deborah Woodward

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Deborah Emrick Woodward, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, niece and aunt passed away peacefully on November 13, 2024, in Seaford, DE. She was born on February 12, 1953, in Annapolis, MD, to the late Dorothea (Ridgeway) and Grover O. Emrick.

Mrs. Woodward's early years were framed by the backdrop of her father's naval career, who was ranked as Commander, which encouraged a love for travel that she carried throughout her life. An alumna of MarVista Senior High School, class of 1971, she later shone brightly at the Anne Arundel County water company's Taxes and Billing department. She retired from Anne Arundel County in 1991 and started her new career as a partner along with her husband with the National Flood Group. Her commitment extended to the Eastern Star, where she was the youngest worthy matron in the Odenton Chapter and the State of Maryland and a member for over 50 years and moreover, she was a proud member of the fleet reserve in Annapolis.

Mrs. Woodward's personal life flourished when she met David Shailer Woodward in 1986. Their shared love blossomed, and they were married on April 9, 1989, and shared 35 years together in marriage. She was regarded as a great cook and seamstress, a passionate gardener, and an animal lover whose love was reciprocated by every creature she encountered. Her capacity to close down the bars with laughter and stories was memorable, making her a cherished companion to many.

Mrs. Woodward is survived by her loving husband, David Woodward; daughter Rebecca Stup (Michael Slone); son James Woodward (Kristina); and brother Wesley Emrick (Mary); niece Lauren Dorsey and nephew John Emrick; her aunts Lillie Mae Eismeier and Doris Harris; and six grandchildren: Maverick, Miranda, Jamison, Kendall, Damon, and Layla.

A visitation will be held from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Monday, November 25, 2024, at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium Hardesty Chapel 202 Laws Street Bridgeville, DE 19933. Chapel Committal services at Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery 6827 E. New Market Ellwood Road, Hurlock, MD 21643 will be held at 12:00 PM on Tuesday, November 26, 2024.



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Please sign Mrs. Woodward's Tribute wall at this site.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL ARRANGEMENTS DELIVERED TO OUR BRIDGEVILLE LOCATION BY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2024 BY 12:00 pm.



Events

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Visitation

 **Monday**, November 25, 2024

 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM est


 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium
Hardesty Chapel**

202 Laws Street, Bridgeville DE 19933



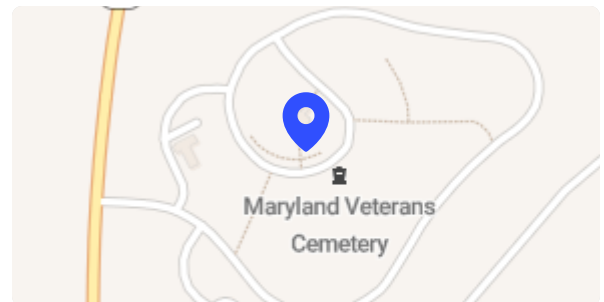
Chapel Committal

 **Tuesday**, November 26, 2024

 12:00 PM ET

 **Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery**

6827 E. New Market Ellwood Road, Hurlock MD
21643





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NE

Nancy Eber posted:

We were blessed to be neighbors to Deb and Dave for many years, and have so many wonderful memories with them, Becky and Jim. So it is with great sadness that we offer our heartfelt sympathy to all of them. Debbie was a kind, warm, gentle and fun-loving soul and she and Dave always made you feel welcomed and cared for. We will keep you all close to our hearts now and in the days to come. Love, Nancy & George

November 26 at 6:56 AM

SW

Sara Woodward posted:

God speed Aunt Debbie. You are the shining standard which we all hold ourselves to in being there for our own nieces and nephews. Love you and the memories you nurtured for us growing up.

November 26 at 2:43 AM

RD

Ray & Debby posted:

Our deepest condolences to Dave & family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. May your precious memories provide comfort in the days ahead.

November 25 at 12:03 PM



Anonymous sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Woodward family.



November 23 at 8:43 AM

TP

Toni Paul posted:

Sending prayers and condolences to David, and to Debbie and your families. In the few times we gathered together (too few), Debbie showed her warmth, upbeat spirit, and genuineness immediately. I am so grateful to have those few memories that we shared, and will miss the possibilities of more. Praying for her everlasting comfort and thinking of all of you with heartfelt sympathy. Love, Cousin Toni

November 22 at 3:34 PM



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Linda Mauger sent a virtual gift in honor of Deborah.

Debbie and I started working at Anne Arundel County Billings and Collections on the same day way back in 1972. We were the youngest in the office at the time. I left after the birth of my son in 1980 and she remained until she retired. We would reconnect from time to time through our mutual friend Patti Hoker and when we got together it was non-stop chatter and laughter. I regret not keeping up with her and am so very sorry for her family who obviously cherish her and will miss her deeply. Peace be with all of you.



November 21 at 9:59 AM



Love, Your Dig Family sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Woodward family.



November 20 at 10:32 AM



Love, Your Dig Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Deborah.



November 20 at 10:32 AM



Anonymous sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Woodward family.



November 20 at 9:40 AM



Linda Nichols sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Woodward family.



November 20 at 9:02 AM



Linda Nichols planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Deborah.



November 20 at 9:02 AM



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Ruth, Pam, Janice, And Landon sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Woodward family.

November 19 at 10:51 AM



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November 19 at 10:51 AM



Patti Hoker posted:

This is a truly crushing blow. Debbie and I have been the best of friends since 1972. We got together regularly when I lived nearby and never lost touch over the many moves and years. She was such an inspiration to me and I loved hearing her joy at being a wife, mother and grandmother. I will miss her dearly. "I never had a sister and, nor, my friend, did you. But Fate brought us together and friendship pulled us through. We share our darkest secrets in time so quickly spent. All the love I'd give a sister, I give to you, my friend."

November 17 at 3:03 PM



Jackie Schawe Bachman posted:

My heart goes out to Deb's husband Dave & family. I was devastated in the 9th grade when my best friend Debbie moved to California. We have been corresponding since 1968. And twice we got together when she would visit Cincy with her Mother! I have so many memories going on camping trips with Deb and her family and going to their home on Neptune drive. We had many, many great memories and I have kept every letter she wrote to me. She will be missed and forever cherished in my heart! ❤️ Jackie Schawe Bachman

November 16 at 7:47 AM



Lillie Mae Eismeier posted:

My precious Debbie, such a beautiful and loving niece, she was the best! We shared so much of life and love and I am blessed beyond words. I am sad and will miss her so much! Love you my Precious Girl! ❤️ 👤

November 15 at 4:20 PM



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Ed (Eddie) Harris posted:

Many fond memories of Debbie when we'd visit our grandparents house. An absolute sweetheart with a great sense of humor. Rest in peace ❤️

November 15 at 1:40 PM



Dave And Angela Tag posted:

Thinking with love the memories of all the wonderful family gatherings we were blessed to share together...we love you and you will be missed today and always ❤️

November 15 at 1:20 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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