



# Deborah L. Priddy

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**W**e celebrate the beautiful life of Deborah L. "Deb" Priddy, July 14th, 1961 - January 30th, 2025, whose kind heart and vibrant spirit touched everyone she met.

Born on July 14th, 1961, in Milford, DE, Deb was a beacon of compassion and dedication. A proud graduate of Cape Henlopen High School in 1979, she pursued her passion for nursing at Nassawadox Nursing School in Virginia, becoming a Licensed Practical Nurse in 1982.

Deb dedicated over 32 years to the State of Delaware, beginning her career at the State Hospital in Wilmington as a nurse. In 1995, she joined Cape Henlopen High School as a paraprofessional, later becoming a Job Coach with the Sussex Consortium in 2007. In 2018, she embraced the role of Transportation Specialist, ensuring the department ran smoothly each day with her unwavering commitment.

Her love for community was evident through her 28 years of service with the Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary, where she was a Life Member and acting Secretary. A dedicated volunteer, Deb gave her time generously, from supporting the Special Olympics to crafting for local events. Her creativity shone through the crafts, wreaths, and costumes she lovingly made. Deb continued to make a meaningful impact by donating her organs and tissues to Gift of Life.

Deb's quick wit and fiery spirit made her the life of every gathering. Her laughter was infectious, and her home was always filled with joy and warmth. She cherished her family deeply, especially her grandchildren, who were the light of her life.

She is survived by her sons, Nicholas A. Priddy and Jordan T. Priddy; daughter-in-law, Nicole Carroll; cherished grandchildren, Anastasia, William, and Matthew Priddy; sister, Lora Wagner; brothers, Michael "Mike" Simpler (and wife Kim) and Andy Simpler (and wife Marvina); and her faithful dog, Tinkerbelle. Deb is also fondly remembered by a host of nieces, nephews, and dear



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friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, William T. Simpler and Mary Jane Swain, and brother-in-law, Donald A. Wagner, Jr.

A Celebration of Life will be held on February 28th, 2025, at 5:30 PM at the Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Company, 219 Rehoboth Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971, where friends may visit beginning at 4:30 PM. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cape Henlopen High School Mentors or the Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary, causes close to Deb's heart.

As we honor Deb's compassionate, resilient, supportive, and kind nature, let us carry forward her legacy of love, laughter, and service to others.

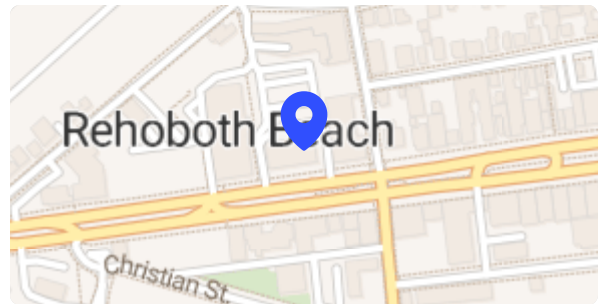
Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page..

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 10:00 AM ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2025, TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.



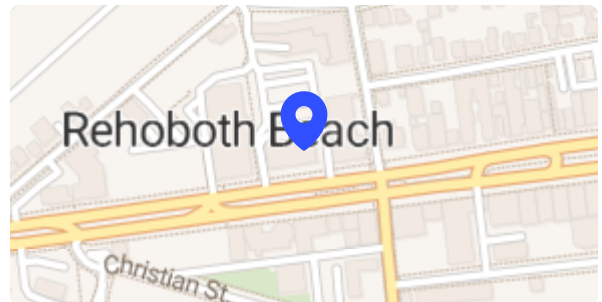
## Visitation

- Friday**, February 28, 2025
- 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM ET
- Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Hall**  
219 Rehoboth Avenue, Rehoboth Beach DE 19971



## Celebration of life

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**Denise Limmer** posted:

I met Sue and Debbie many years ago with my daughter through the fire company. I will miss them both in September. They were both fun to spend time with. I am sorry to her children and family for your great loss.

March 7 at 6:40 PM



**Virginia G Diaz** lit a candle in honor of Deborah.

It's so hard to go in the Transportation Office, and not see your smile and kind greeting. You not only cared about the staff, but you also cared about the students and parents. You are missed by all. Rest In Love 🙏



February 28 at 5:36 AM



**Your Family At Universal Supply** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Priddy family.



February 27 at 6:49 AM



**Your Family At Universal Supply** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Deborah.



February 27 at 6:49 AM



**Scott H.** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Priddy family.



February 24 at 12:50 PM



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February 24 at 12:50 PM



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**Eric And Alicia Wharton** sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Priddy family.



February 24 at 9:27 AM



**Eric And Alicia Wharton** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Deborah.



February 24 at 9:27 AM



**Tom Peet** posted:

Deborah was one of my earliest co-workers and I could always count on her to make the day better. She had an amazing sense of humor and compassion for the students we worked with. My heart goes out to her family, she truly was one of the good ones.

February 7 at 12:02 PM



**Billy & Macy Krouse** sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Priddy family.



February 7 at 7:16 AM



**Christine Parker** lit a candle in honor of Deborah.



February 5 at 2:08 PM



**Christine Parker** February 5 at 2:15 PM

Work with Deb at cape. Such a great person and friend. Prayers go out to the family.



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**Janet Davis** lit a candle in honor of Deborah.

Deb was such a kind hearted soul. She will be truly missed. Praying for comfort and peace for the family.

February 4 at 7:28 PM



**Jennifer Hagan** lit a candle in honor of Deborah.

February 4 at 3:36 PM



**Jennifer Hagan** February 4 at 3:37 PM

Debbie will always be remembered as a caring and loving person, who put others first.



**Ellen Cassidy** posted:

Prayers for Deb's family. Such shocking news! I worked with Deb at Cape. She was a special, kind, caring person who made a difference in students lives. She is definitely in heaven. She will be dearly missed.

February 4 at 12:05 PM



**Cassi Leigh Rickards** lit a candle in honor of Deborah.

February 4 at 1:50 AM



**Cassi Leigh Rickards** posted:

I will always remember you my beautiful friend. You will be missed dearly. I will miss you showing me pictures of your grand babies. I know they were your world ❤️

February 4 at 1:49 AM



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**Annmarie Perrotta** posted:

Thank you for all you did for the Cape Henlopen School District. I enjoyed talking to her wherever I would see her. RIP Ms Pretty you'll be missed. My prayers go out to her family and friends!

February 3 at 11:14 PM



**Trish Rickards-Dickerson** lit a candle in honor of Deborah.

My thoughts and prayers are with Deb's entire family during this difficult time.

February 3 at 7:00 PM



**Bill Mcmanus** posted:

I have loved the entire "Simpler Family" including Debbie, ever since I met her Father (Bill) when I began working at Delmarva Power back in 1970 or 71, can't remember the exact date... I remember Debbie, Mikey, Lori, and "Bumper" all running around in their 3 corner pants, causing just a little bit of havoc around their house...Their Dad, Bill, was a great friend and mentor to me my entire career with Delmarva Power and I miss him and Sue to this day... Debbie has had a very special welcoming committee in Heaven I'm sure!

February 3 at 6:09 PM

**BM** **Bill Mcmanus** February 3 at 6:13 PM  
Lora



**Brandy Ward** posted:

She was my supervisor in transportation she always encouraged me to follow my dream of being a spec teacher! I loved having on my bus and always had great conversations such a caring loving person and loved her job!

February 3 at 5:41 PM



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**Stacey Elliott-Jones** lit a candle in honor of Deborah.



February 3 at 5:40 PM



**Stacey Elliott-Jones** February 3 at 5:47 PM

Deb I am just at a lost for words. You were the kindest, compassionate, caring and patient employees of the district. When you were job coach I looked forward to you coming in everyday and sharing stories about our children and grandchildren. I remember how proud you were with the first Sea Witch costume you had made for your oldest grandchild. You were always able to put a smile on my face and I could feel the love in your heart. Your promotion was such a great change for you and handled every obstacle with dignity and grace. We started out as co workers and ended as friends. May you rest in peace and I hope you and Tracey are catching up. Rest easy until we see each other again.



**Jamie Houck** posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. Deb was always so nice to me and helpful. She always answered questions if I had any when it came to jobs for our special friends and when I became part of the respite program at school. You will be missed.

February 3 at 4:37 PM



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**Kris Jarecki** posted:

When I first got hired at the Consortium, I had no idea what I was doing. Deb was my para and taught me everything about the program. We worked so well together and shared so many great experiences with our students. She was an amazing person who did so much for the program and the community. I will miss my friend. ❤️

February 3 at 4:37 PM



**Bob & Carol Wright** February 5 at 6:05 PM

We are so very sorry for your unexpected loss! Our hearts and prayers go out to all of the Wagner, (Turansky) Simpler families.



**Katina Norwood** February 3 at 5:34 PM

Deb and I have been coworkers for several years and became good Friends. She loved her sons and her grandchildren more than anything. I don't think we ever ever had a conversation without talking about her boys and her grandchildren. During Covid, most of our district work from home, but Deb and I were two that worked in the grab and programs supported by our district. She and I worked hand-in-hand making sure everything ran smoothly so that our students could be fed. No matter how bad things got with the unknown of Covid she showed up every day with a smile behind the mask and love in her eyes and her voice. There was nothing that she would not do to get the job done. Deb was faithful to the Cape school district for over 30 years, and gave the students family and staff her all. My dear friend Deb passed away with one of the most loving hearts I have ever known. I am so sad to see her go, and I will miss her greatly. My heart goes out to her sons and her grandchildren whom she loved so very much . The Cape school district was extremely blessed to have such an employee to serve our community as she did. People can be replaced with bodies, but it's hard to replace a person like Deb. Those will be some very hard shoes to fill. In sympathy & with prayers 🙏🕊️  
❤️ Your friend and coworker Katina Norwood



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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