



Debra K. Russell

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Debra K. Russell, age 59 of Moores Hill, died Thursday, January 7, 2021 at her home. Born April 19, 1961 in Batesville, she is the daughter of Rita (Nee: Heppner) and Bernard Batta. She married Todd Russell June 2, 2012 at the Milan Christian Church. She was a former owner of Hair Decisions Salon in Milan and the Sharper Image Salon in Batesville.

Debra had an infectious smile and was selfless, putting others ahead of herself, wanting only the best for them. Because of her nurturing manner, she became a close friend to many of her customers as well a supporter, coach or an unbiased ear when needed. Debra preferred being outdoors and found pleasure in simple things. Rides on the 4-wheeler to enjoy the beauty of sunrises or sunsets, working in her flower beds and the garden, going boating or traveling to visit her children, whether that was to Los Angeles, Brooklyn or Germany. She and Todd were longtime youth ministers at the Milan Christian Church and two of her favorite sayings were “Every day is a gift from God” and “Don’t let the devil steal your joy”. Without a doubt though, her greatest joy was being with her family and grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband Todd; daughter Kendra Nissen of Moores Hill; son Dylon Walker of Brooklyn, New York; parents Rita and Bernard Batta of New Alsace; brothers Jeff Batta of Oldenburg, Doug Batta of New Alsace and grandchildren Mena and Bennet Nissen.

Visitation is Tuesday, January 12th, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Carnegie Hall in Moores Hill. Due to the current Governor’s mandate all attendees are required to wear a mask and observe physical distancing. The mask must cover the nose and mouth at all times. Funeral services with limited seating will follow at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Shawn McMullen officiating. Burial will be in Forest Hill Cemetery at Moores Hill. Keeping with Debra’s desire of wanting the best for others, in lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (www.pancan.org) so that others may benefit.



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Shelly & Paul Mersch posted:

Debbie was a loving friend. Her respect of life and family was a beautiful witness of God's work. A warrior to the end, Debbie focused on staying positive and hopeful for a miracle. Thank you for sharing your journey with me and allowing us to pray for you. Me dear friend, rest without pain in our Savior's loving arms. OOL ❤️ Shelly and Paul

January 12 at 10:03 AM



Debra A Inman sent a virtual gift in honor of Debra.

Rita, Ben and Family, I will not be able to attend today but please know I am praying for you all to get through this. Debbie was always ready to make a change for me and I would let her because I trusted her. When I had breast cancer she shaved my head and left my grandchildren also shave it and they still remember that today. She closed her shop so just my family was there to do this. She has been my friend since before school and I will miss her, Even the last few months we would talk and she never lost her faith or her kindness. Fly High my friend. I will see you again. LoveDeb (weiler) Inman



January 12 at 6:23 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Russell family.



January 11 at 9:00 PM



Marjorie Powell posted:

My sympathies to all the family. She had a wonderful, infectious smile and gave moral support freely to me, her cousin, besides dying my hair red about a year after I got back to Indiana from Texas. She knew I needed a change. My girls & I will miss her. She is in my prayers. -Marjorie Powell

January 11 at 7:16 PM



Greg Diss sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Russell family.



January 11 at 1:30 PM



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Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Russell family.



January 11 at 12:41 PM



Anonymous sent a Rose Remembrance to the Russell family.



January 11 at 10:30 AM



Dale Hobie Holbert lit a candle in honor of Debra.

Absolutely beautiful and amazingly positive about everything. Always made time to say hello and ask how things were going. RIP



January 11 at 7:24 AM



Jim Daniels lit a candle in honor of Debra.



January 11 at 6:18 AM



Richard A Dobson posted:

You will be missed. A beautiful lady inside and out. Rest in peace Deb.

January 10 at 4:47 PM



Richard A Dobson lit a candle in honor of Debra.



January 10 at 4:45 PM



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



January 10 at 3:55 PM



Kevin C. Back posted:

I first got to know Debbie, when my family moved to a neighboring farm. Debbie and I were in the 5th grade. At Christmas time, we had a gift exchange. I drew another girl's name. The girl didn't like the gift that I got for her, and she began to cry. Debbie offered to trade gifts with her. That's when I knew what a special, loving person, Debbie was!

January 10 at 2:30 PM



Barb posted:

Wonderful lady. She will be missed. An angel here on earth now an angel in heaven.

January 10 at 9:04 AM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Russell family.



January 10 at 7:43 AM



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



January 10 at 6:55 AM



Ralph Steinmetz posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with Debbie's family and friends on your loss of a loved one. Debbie was always so warm and friendly with a smile that lit up the place wherever she was. It was great to see her at our class reunions. My condolences and God bless Debbie. Ralph Steinmetz

January 10 at 4:30 AM



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Anonymous sent a Pink Potpourri Bouquet to the Russell family.



January 10 at 4:19 AM



Tony Koors posted:

Jeff & Doug, very sorry for your loss. God Bless, Tony Koors.

January 10 at 4:14 AM



Janice & Rachel Pruss lit a candle in honor of Debra.



January 9 at 9:22 PM



Anonymous sent a Fairest of All to the Russell family.



January 9 at 5:14 PM



Carol Niese posted:

Rita, Ben and Jeff, I am so very so sorry for your loss! Debbie was a beautiful person inside and out. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

January 9 at 4:01 PM



Deb Locke posted:

I met Debbie at the hair salon in Batesville. We would talk and laugh and have the best time!! She was so sweet and kind-hearted, and always wore an amazing smile!!!! She was so proud of her family and loved you all dearly. Deb had a positive attitude always and just spread that positivity and warm heartedness over everyone. I am so very sorry for your loss.

January 9 at 2:38 PM



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Gerry Asher posted:

My dear sweet Debbie is now in her mansion in heaven, walking the streets of gold and the crown she wears is loaded with every jewel and diamonds available in heaven, and she has earned everyone. Todd, Dylan, Kendra and kids, Rita, Ben, Jeff and Doug my prayers are that you feel Debbie's sprite letting you know that she is pain free and waiting with open arms for your arrival someday. Love you all and sending hugs!! Gerry Asher

January 9 at 2:37 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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