



Deborah "Deb" Mai (Luebben) Smith

April 26, 1953 - July 1, 2021

Deborah "Deb" Mai (Luebben) Smith was born on April 26, 1953, in Harvey, Illinois to Dale and Juanita (Wince) Luebben. She grew up in Greensboro, North Carolina and graduated from Grimsley High School. Deb furthered her education at UNC Greensboro and worked hard to become a Registered Nurse. She was a compassionate and caring nurse who over the years worked in the ICU for Moses Cone Health System, was also the transplant coordinator for United Healthcare, and worked in the Quality Department at Phelps Health.

Deb was united in marriage to Robert Tucker and blessed with two children, Anna and Gary. On May 24, 2006 she was united in marriage to her sweetheart, Mark Smith and to this union she gained a daughter, Nitann and four grandchildren. Deb and Mark together shared fifteen wonderful years of marriage. She was a devoted wife, dedicated mother, and doting grandmother. Deb treasured the time spent with her family and the memories they made.

Deb loved playing the organ and played for many churches. She was talented with her hands and in her spare time, hand engraved and painted glass. Some of her projects include vases, glasses, ornaments, suncatchers, pie plates, decanters, and more. Deb loved to attend craft shows, sell her creations, and create special memories for her customers. She enjoyed

posting her projects on her Sipping in Style Facebook page. Deb was an active member of the Chamber of Commerce, Garden Club, and the Ozark Natural and Cultural Resource Center.

Deb departed this life on July 1, 2021, at St. Mary's Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri the age of sixty-eight years. She leaves behind to cherish her memories, her loving husband Mark Smith of the home; children: Anna Durham and husband Jonathan of Illinois and Gary Tucker and Lauren Manship of North Carolina; step-daughter: Nitann Gray and husband Christopher of Texas; sister: Kathy Shaw of Maryland; four step-grandchildren; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Preceding her in death, her parents: Dale and Juanita Luebben.

Deb was a loving person who will be remembered for her courage and strength. She will be deeply missed and long remembered by those whose lives she touched along the way.

Funeral Services for Deborah "Deb" Mai (Luebben) Smith were held Thursday, July 8, 2021 in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Pastor Chris Hendrix officiating. Song selections played were "One Boy, One Girl", "Love, Me", and "I Hope You Dance". Serving as Pallbearers were Thomas Russell, Betty Russell, Mike Black, and Christopher Smith. Burial was in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery Waynesville, Missouri. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Online Condolences may be entered at www.wilsonmortuary.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Mortuary - Salem
1000 West Scenic Rivers Blvd.
Post Office Box 45
Salem, MO 65560
(573) 729-5555
<https://www.wilsonmortuary.com/>

Funeral Service

JUL 8. 12:00 PM.

Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel

Tribute Wall

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“ *The David Lange Family purchased the Plastic Cemetery Vase with Spike for the family of Deborah "Deb" Mai (Luebben) Smith.*



The David Lange Family - July 24, 2021 at 10:40 AM

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“ *The David Lange Family purchased the Violet Cabbage Rose and White Orchid for the family of Deborah "Deb" Mai (Luebben) Smith.*



The David Lange Family - July 24, 2021 at 10:34 AM

DL

“ *Condolences to the passing of cousin Deb and entire family. We celebrate her life with honor.*

Don Luebben - July 08, 2021 at 01:02 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Deborah "Deb" Mai (Luebben) Smith.*



July 06, 2021 at 06:33 PM

GB

“ I was saddened to see a short obituary for my friend Debbie Luebben (as I knew her) in today's Greensboro News and Record. I had not been in touch with her in many years but she and her sister Kathy were sisters of mine in the Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Debbie and I went to Supreme Assembly together when it was held in Cleveland, Ohio. We were the only two from Greensboro but we hooked up with Debbie Patterson and Kathy Zeliff from the Winston-Salem Assembly and had a large and beautiful suite in one of the nicest hotels in the city. We had a grand time and I am sorry that I have not been in contact with her in recent years. Rest well dear friend and my thoughts and sympathy are with her family. Gertrude Beal

Gertrude Beal - July 05, 2021 at 04:29 AM

KS

Thank you for sharing such a happy memory!

Kathy Luebben Shaw - July 05, 2021 at 08:17 AM



“ So many memories. You were there for my mom when my dad passed. You were there for Toni, Terri and me when my mom passed. Then you were strength for me when Toni passed.

You will be missed by so many that you have touched. You will be leaving a large void in my heart. You are an angel now, please watch over us. I love you.

Tina Hayes



Tina Hayes - July 03, 2021 at 06:55 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Deborah "Deb" Mai (Luebben) Smith.*



July 02, 2021 at 07:53 PM



“ *Deb i will miss our craft shows . i will miss your strength also you fought hard for every thing you wanted. I will miss you so much xoxo*



Betty Russell - July 01, 2021 at 08:15 PM