



Deborah L. Long

May 5, 1959 - January 7, 2021

ADRIAN – Deborah L. Long, 61 of Adrian, passed away January 7, 2021, at her home.

She was born May 5, 1959, in Adrian, to Ruth (Funk) and the late Beldon Long, and graduated from Adrian High School with the Class of 1978.

Debbie was actively involved with Adrian First Church of the Nazarene and Chelsea Church of the Nazarene where she taught Sunday School for many years. She had a big heart for children and especially enjoyed spending time with her nieces and nephews and taking them on adventures.

She is survived by her mother, Ruth (Willis) Rickard of Adrian; siblings, Guy (Jenny) Rickard of Brooklyn, Gloria (Mike) Russell of Manitou Beach, and Arvilla Ashenfelter of Adrian; her aunt, Jennifer Funk who is like a sister; and many beloved nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by a brother, Gregory Rickard.

Funeral services will take place at 1 p.m., Monday, January 11, 2021, at Adrian First Church of the Nazarene with Dr. David Fulks and Dr. Jeff Crowder officiating. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be held at the

church Monday from 11 a.m. until the service.

Following the Governor's executive order, all attendees are required to wear a proper face covering, with the exception of those under the age of five years old or those who cannot medically tolerate.

Contributions in memory of Debbie are suggested to Nazarene Missions. Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home where online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

East Siena Heights Drive
Adrian, MI 49221

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Adrian First Church of the Nazarene
50 Industrial Drive
Adrian, MI

Funeral Service

JAN 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

Adrian First Church of the Nazarene
50 Industrial Drive
Adrian, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Deborah L. Long*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *We want you to know Ruth, Willis and family, that our sympathy is with you. Death leaves a void in a family and we can count on the times of remembrances of love and fun in being together to help as the days to following go by. We pray that God's blessing will overcome the times that sadness may come, knowing that Deborah is with her Lord Jesus.*

Clyde & Nancy

Clyde and Nancy Dickerson - January 13, 2021 at 12:10 AM



“ *Debi was one of the most important and influential people in my childhood. She was our babysitter, but she felt more like family. I will always remember learning long division while trying not to watch the (enormous console) TV, trying muenster cheese for the first time, New Years celebrations and watching the Monkees. So grateful to have known her and been loved by her. It was an honor to walk along side her for a time, and we will be together again on the other side. My condolences to her family.*

Nick Conklin

Nick Conklin - January 11, 2021 at 09:59 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Deborah L. Long.*



January 09, 2021 at 12:19 PM



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Terri Kalmbach - January 09, 2021 at 09:28 AM



“ *67 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Wagley Funeral Home - January 09, 2021 at 09:25 AM

TK

“ Debi & I have been friends for many years. She always had a smile and an encouraging word at the ready. Of course, with our friend Becky, when the three of us got together we always had the best of times. I'll never forget one time, Debi and her Mom Ruth, Becky and her girls, Olivia & Audrey, and my Mom Flo and I all went to Shipshewana together. We went to dinner at Das Dutchman Essenhaus in Middlebury IN as usual the food was delicious, Ruth and Audrey left the table a few minutes before the rest of us did. When we got in the elevator Flo told someone to "get your elbow before the door closes on you." That was all the invitation Debi, Becky, and I needed...we started singing the Hokey Pokey song, loud and laughing all the time. When the elevator door opened upon our arrival on the first floor, we kept singing as we stepped out, everyone in the gift shop turned to look at us and we laughed all the louder. Olivia spotted, Audrey and Ruth and scooted over to them, I think we embarrassed her. Thanks Debi for being my friend, I love you and will miss you always.

To Ruth and Willis, May your memories of Debi give you peace at this most difficult time. If you need a friend, I am here for you. Call me anytime. May God bless you both and give you His peace.

In His love,
Terri Kalmbach

Terri Kalmbach - January 09, 2021 at 09:05 AM

JS

“ Hi my name is Jamie Shea, I'm Debi's cousin on the Longs side. We hung out quite a lot. Did Christmas dinner did birthday dinners. Just hung out when we could. We would have what we called play dates at my house with learning how to work our phones and fb when. Debi always made the cheese cake for dessert. My brother birthday one year will never forget it. She bought him high heels that had Michigan colors blue and yellow and a pair of pantyhose. We laughed so hard that day. Going to really miss her she was a joy to be around.

Jamie Shea - January 07, 2021 at 09:21 PM

SD

“ I'll always love you cousin Debi and the great times we had there and here in Florida! ❤️

Sharon Dawn - January 07, 2021 at 08:07 PM