



Deborah "Deb" L. Richardson

October 10, 1968 - September 20, 2019

Deborah L. Richardson (Dickhaus) died peacefully at her home on September 20, 2019 in Hobart, IN at the age of 50 after a courageous battle against colon cancer. She is survived by her parents, Walt and Sharon Dickhaus, her husband Roy, her daughters Hannah and Rachael, her brother Craig (Meghan) Dickhaus, her sister Sabrina (Mike) Snyder, multiple nieces and nephews, and numerous extended family. Deb was born on October, 10, 1968 in Cincinnati, Ohio to Walt and Sharon Dickhaus. She attended Auburn High School (NY) graduating 1986, Western Michigan University, Nazareth College graduating 1991 with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and Olivet Nazarene University graduating 2016 with her Master of Science in Nursing with a Family Nurse Practitioner concentration. She met Roy Richardson while attending Western Michigan University and they married in 1990. Deb and Roy lived in Pierre, SD, Monroe, MI, and Hobart, IN. During that time, they embarked on their greatest adventure when they began their family with Hannah and then Rachael. Throughout her life Deb has devoted herself to the health and well-being of children and families through her work at St. Mary's Hospital, Mercy Memorial Hospital, Methodist Hospital, and NorthShore Health Centers. She was most proud of her roles as a wife and mother and the legacy that she leaves behind in the relationships she developed while starting the PTS Clinic. Deb demonstrated her love for music by through multiple choral ensembles, leading worship at church, and playing the viola, piano, and flute. Her favorite things were spending time with her family,

volunteering at her children's schools, volunteering at her church, spending time outside, and decorating for the holidays. Deb inherited her sense of humor from her father and maintained her witty, spunky demeanor throughout her life, regardless of her situation. Her greatest passion was serving others to show them God's love. A memorial visitation will take place on Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 9 a.m. until the time of the memorial service at 12 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. A nursing honor guard service will take place at 11:45 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in memory of Deborah Richardson to the University of Chicago Medicine. Checks may be made payable to the "University of Chicago" and sent to the following address: University of Chicago Gift Administration and Business Data, Deborah Richardson Memorial, 5235 S. Harper Court, 4th Floor, Chicago, IL 60615. Or, you can donate online at: giving.uchicago.edu/deborah-richardson. www.burnsfuneral.com

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

SEP **28.** 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LH

“ I am a long lost friend from Zion Lutheran when our kids were in elementary school there. I am the mother of Jonathan and David Hill (Daniel too). I am so sad to hear of Deb's passing. My memories are of in the kitchen at Zion cooking up sloppy joes for those kids on Wednesday afternoons. I enjoyed the time I spent with Deb. I remember her smile her kindness and her love. Be strong girls and Roy. In Christs love...Lisa & Steve

lisa hill - October 04, 2019 at 08:28 AM

TB

“ Tina A Bachan lit a candle in memory of Deborah "Deb" L. Richardson



Tina A Bachan - September 30, 2019 at 03:41 PM

TB

“ Dr. Deb was incredibly kind and caring. She always took as much time as I needed with her and made me feel like she was my friend. I will never have another doctor as wonderful as her. She will be greatly missed.

Tina A Bachan - September 30, 2019 at 03:37 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah "Deb" L. Richardson.*



September 28, 2019 at 03:58 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Deborah "Deb" L. Richardson.*



September 27, 2019 at 11:56 AM



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September 27, 2019 at 11:38 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Deborah "Deb" L. Richardson.*



September 27, 2019 at 11:28 AM

LV

“ *What an amazing woman! I first met Deb at the PTS Clinic and immediately bonded with her. She was so upbeat and happy, and shared stories of her life. I will always remember her Kevin stories! Her courage and positive attitude, despite what she was going through, were inspiring. She is by far the best health care professional I've ever had. She not only took care of my medical needs, but took the time to get to know me as a person as well. She always asked about my elderly parents, and when my father passed away, she was instrumental in helping me work through my grief. I will be forever grateful for this. She will be greatly missed by many people. The world is a better place because she was in it. My sincerest sympathies to her family.*

*Lynn
PTS Employee*

Lynn Vaught - September 26, 2019 at 11:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Deborah "Deb" L. Richardson.*



September 26, 2019 at 08:57 PM

MK

“ My family has visited Dr. Deb from the moment she arrived at the PTS Clinic. I was instantly comfortable with this amazing medical professional. We all loved her and for the first time- didn't mind seeing the Doctor. She was a constant source of help and guidance-all rolled up in an amazing sense of humor. We had fun/ love talking about our fur-babies-and she loved our Comfort Dog Isaiah. We want to extend our love and prayers to Debs family. Deb is resting peacefully with our Heavenly Father-I'm sure of it!



Marcella Kunstek - September 26, 2019 at 08:47 PM


Melinda
Brown

“ So sorry for the loss. My deepest condolences. I went through some rough times and this wonderful woman was always there to pray with me and hug me. She helped to get gifts for my grandson. You will always be in my heart.

Melinda Brown - September 26, 2019 at 05:43 PM

LC

“ Much comfort and many prayers from your friends @ Living Grace...



Living Grace Church - September 26, 2019 at 03:07 PM



“ *Deb stronger then she knew. Sweet, kind and loving. She served humankind well. She will a hole that can't be filled... I honor you my friend. Roy, the journey you now embark is different then any other. Hugs my friend.*

Marsha Frank - September 26, 2019 at 11:57 AM

PC

“ *She was a beautiful person, she will be missed until we meet again R.I.P.*

Pearl Chandler - September 26, 2019 at 10:10 AM

PC

“ *Pearl Chandler lit a candle in memory of Deborah "Deb" L. Richardson*



Pearl Chandler - September 26, 2019 at 10:08 AM

YF

“ *Your Central Elementary Family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Deborah "Deb" L. Richardson.*



Your Central Elementary Family - September 25, 2019 at 06:10 PM

RI

“ *She was an awesome person, teacher and mentor. I will be forever grateful for having known her. -Rita*

Rita - September 25, 2019 at 05:23 PM

RA

“ *Was an honor to know her through my aunt. What a loving,giving, God fearing person. Will miss getting to see you in Nov. Prayers for the family*

Rebecca Adams - September 24, 2019 at 08:04 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah "Deb" L. Richardson.*



September 24, 2019 at 06:34 PM

DE

“ *What a great loss for us. I will always remember the kind words she had for me when I was sick. She's the reason I started to advocate for my own health. I will miss her.*

Deb Ekdahl

Portage School Teacher

Debra Ekdahl - September 24, 2019 at 02:30 PM

SL

“ Shelley Hayes Londry lit a candle in memory of Deborah "Deb" L. Richardson



Shelley Hayes Londry - September 24, 2019 at 01:17 PM

CW

“ My heart goes out to her family and friends. What a special woman Deb was. She took care of me, my husband, and 3 daughters-- having those fun "growing up and being careful" conversations with each of them. She was patient, kind, and thorough, and always talked lovingly of her daughters' college adventures and downplayed any sickness she may have been feeling. She was a beacon of strength and grace and will be missed.

Carrie Williams - September 24, 2019 at 12:22 PM

JS

Yes she will!

Jen smith - September 24, 2019 at 09:42 PM

PE

“ Porter ED purchased the Sacred Garden Spray for the family of Deborah "Deb" L. Richardson.



Porter ED - September 24, 2019 at 09:55 AM

JS

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. I know we didn't keep in touch, but we thought of you often. The Lord be with you and your family.
Julie and Victor Siech

Julie Siech - September 23, 2019 at 06:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deborah "Deb" L. Richardson.*



September 23, 2019 at 02:23 PM

JS

“ *One of the strongest woman I knew!!*



Jen smith - September 23, 2019 at 11:17 AM

MK

The dynamic duo! Always a comfort you two! Sending love and prayers to you Jen!

M Kunstek - September 27, 2019 at 11:59 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Deborah "Deb" L. Richardson.*



September 23, 2019 at 10:17 AM



“ *I remember my first encounter with Deb. She was smiling and joking and that made me feel very comfortable. We shared our faith together and I knew I was in good hands. Her smile was so contagious. She will be truly missed.*

Karen Springman

Karen Springman - September 23, 2019 at 09:39 AM



Jen smith - September 23, 2019 at 11:15 AM



“ *Remembering Deb as a NICU nurse. Compassion, gentleness and depth at its finest. Belief in God and encouragement as a believer even on late night oncall . God bless you Deb. Thanks for teaching me.*

Dr Robertson

kemi - September 22, 2019 at 10:21 PM



“ *I've never met a caregiver who made you feel truly cared for the way Deb did. She will be truly missed.*

Shelly Gates - September 22, 2019 at 10:20 AM

SM

“ *Deb was part of our Cancer Support Group. She always had a smile and was an inspiration to all of us. She is at peace and suffers no more! We will miss her!*

Sandy Mick (Co-leader of Liberty's Cancer Support Group)

Sandy Mick - September 22, 2019 at 06:24 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Deborah "Deb" L. Richardson.*



September 21, 2019 at 08:21 PM

LR

“ *Deb, was such a wonderful person. We worked together as nurses in the OB department at MMH. She always offered her help and loved being a nurse. She will be greatly missed.*

Linda Willis RN - September 21, 2019 at 06:55 PM

ML

I just loved Deb as my nurse practitioner. She was so kind and caring. She was so courageous and positive during her fight. I just saw her about a month or so ago, her showing me pictures of the new dog. We laughed and shared stories. I will miss her.

Marlene Lesnick - September 21, 2019 at 09:34 PM

JS

Yes, she will.

Jen smith - September 21, 2019 at 11:58 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Deborah "Deb" L. Richardson.*



September 21, 2019 at 06:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deborah "Deb" L. Richardson.*



September 21, 2019 at 05:41 PM



“ *Deb, thank you for all the memories, laughs, and cries. I remember every morning I would come into work not quite awake yet and you would come in saying Good morning lady all happy and cheery. You never came in angry or upset. You always took care of everyone. I thank you for caring about me and becoming such a close friend. You always said you loved me like family. That means more than you know. I've learned from you to let the little things go in life and to try and be nice to everyone because you never know what battle they are facing. I'm grateful for our years together they will stay in my hear forever!! Love you Debbie (she hated when I called her that)*



Jen Smith - September 21, 2019 at 04:19 PM

DM

Love you to my Jen..Deb was a great Person who cared about ALL...love and prayers to you too

deb McClellan - September 21, 2019 at 04:30 PM

JS

Love you too!

Jen smith - September 21, 2019 at 04:46 PM

SQ

I just want to say that Deb was a wonderful neighbor and friend. she was always happy and smiling, making this earth a better place. deepest sympathy to the family!!

sherran quinn - September 21, 2019 at 04:57 PM

ER

My deepest sympathy to Deb's family. When my husband worked for PTS we saw Deb many times. She was just an amazing nurse and person. Kind, funny and a great nurse. When my switched employers this year we were most sad that we couldn't continue to see Deb! My family still talk about how much we liked her. God bless her family during this difficult time.

Emily Rans - September 21, 2019 at 05:12 PM



That's a great picture Jen. Thinking of you💜

Marissela Lynch - September 21, 2019 at 06:09 PM

SA

What an honor to work with Deb everyday. She is such an inspiration to me. Working through everything with a positive attitude and living her faith loudly. My heart breaks for everyone close to her, but rejoices in knowing she is now living in health with her Heavenly Father.

Stacy Arnold - September 21, 2019 at 09:44 PM

JS

It really was an honor. I hope I was able to give her as much happiness as she gave me!

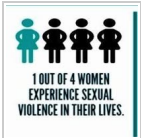
Jen smith - September 21, 2019 at 11:51 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah "Deb" L. Richardson.*



September 21, 2019 at 03:47 PM



“ *"Dr." Deb, we will never forget you. You took such good care of our family, especially my daughter. We've never had a health care worker give my daughter her business card and tell her directly "if you ever have any questions, don't be embarrassed. Call or email me. I want you to be comfortable asking me questions." When I didn't know how to answer my child's questions or was uncomfortable doing so, you were more than happy to step in and help me out. You always had a smile on your face despite what you were going through. You are a perfect example of how one should live life. You touched so many lives and will be missed. Rest in peace.*



Marissela Lynch - September 21, 2019 at 03:20 PM

JS

I remember what you're talking about. 😊 She was amazing!

Jen smith - September 21, 2019 at 05:18 PM



Yes, she was!

Marissela Lynch - September 21, 2019 at 09:13 PM

JB

“ *Deb was a blessing to all who knew her. I can't begin to count the number of ways she has touched me, my family and so many others! Deb was constantly reaching out to those around her to help with whatever was needed. She lead a Bible study in Monroe, Michigan for many years that was an incredible blessing to me. It was a time of great spiritual growth for myself and for others that regularly attended. She was wise beyond her years and full of Christ! She always set the best example, often putting herself last. I am so grateful the Lord chose to put her in my life. She worked hard, played often, loved well and now enjoys her reward! She will be greatly missed!* ”

Jennifer Ann Bartley - September 21, 2019 at 01:38 PM

TM

“ *Deb, U were a person that everyone loved. Especially the way u and Roy raised ur daughters. Thank u for welcoming into ur family life. I will miss u so much. Give my live to Callie and Charlie!* ”



Treena Meyers - September 21, 2019 at 01:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Deborah "Deb" L. Richardson.* ”



September 21, 2019 at 01:23 PM