



Debra "Debbie" L. Nelson (nee Graden)

July 20, 1954 - July 30, 2024

Debra "Debbie" L. Nelson (nee Graden) beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend to many, passed away suddenly on July 30, 2024 at the age of 70. Debra is survived by her husband Wayne; children; Stephanie (Mark) Schulte; Melanie (Michael) Cicero; Lindsey Hanson; Gregory (Ka'tlyn) Nelson; grandchildren; Maggie, Morgan, Laney, Owen, Jarrett, Vance, Scarlett, Ky'per and Oliver.

She was born on July 20, 1954 to John and Lois Graden. She was the oldest of two children and grew up with her late brother Michael Graden. She is preceded in death by her parents; John and Lois Graden, sibling; Michael Graden.

Debbie graduated from Merrillville High School in 1972. Following graduation, she married the love of her life, Wayne Nelson, who together recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this past March. They built their home on the family farm in Crown Point where they went on to have four children.

Debbie was an exceptional stay at home mom who never missed any sporting or 4-H events as her children were growing up. You would always find her in the stands cheering them on, whether it be a basketball or softball game, or a tennis match. She was their biggest cheerleader and was the best at helping them with their 4-H projects over the years.

Debbie was known to many as the local "pumpkin lady" who started the family business 25 years ago. She had many other hobbies including gardening,

crafting, enjoying time with her dog Henry and most importantly, spending time with her nine precious grandchildren.

Debbie was a breast cancer survivor and was a long-time member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Visitation will be Saturday, August 3rd, from 1-6 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home & Crematory in Hobart. There will be a service at 6:00 p.m. following the visitation. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the American Diabetes Association www.diabetes.org/ways-to-contribute
www.BurnsFuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 3. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home - Hobart
701 E. 7th Street
Hobart, IN 46342
(219) 942-1117
info@burnsfuneral.com
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

Funeral Service

AUG 3. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Debra "Debbie" L. Nelson (nee Graden).



August 03, 2024 at 02:34 PM



“ It has been a privilege to have known Debbie for over 50 years. She was always warm and welcoming whenever we would drop by, usually unannounced and unplanned. Thanks for the popcorn and putting up with us. It is truly an honor to be considered a friend to you and your family. Myron Schafer

Myron Schafer - August 02, 2024 at 11:36 PM



“ Farm Credit Mid-America planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Debra "Debbie" L. Nelson (nee Graden).

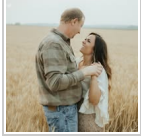
Farm Credit Mid-America - August 02, 2024 at 10:24 AM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Debra "Debbie" L. Nelson (nee Graden).



August 02, 2024 at 10:24 AM



“ 10 files added to the album *Remembering Debbie*



Ka'tlyn Nelson - August 01, 2024 at 06:37 PM

TK

“ *Tom and Peggy Katona purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Debra "Debbie" L. Nelson (nee Graden).*



Tom and Peggy Katona - August 01, 2024 at 06:02 PM

LF

“ *Love, Cindy Fox & Tara Fox purchased the Sentimental Dreams for the family of Debra "Debbie" L. Nelson (nee Graden).*



Love, Cindy Fox & Tara Fox - August 01, 2024 at 04:29 PM

JB

“ I always enjoyed our visits! I will miss her greatly!
I know how hard this loss will be.
A wonderful person is so hard to live without and such a blessing to
have had.

Joan Bogner-Schafer

Joan Bogner-Schafer - August 01, 2024 at 03:13 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of
Debra "Debbie" L. Nelson (nee Graden).



August 01, 2024 at 12:14 PM

BR

“ So sorry to hear of the death of Debbie. You have our deepest
sympathy. May she rest in peace.

Beverly and Garry Rinkenberger

Beverly and Garry Rinkenberger - August 01, 2024 at 11:11 AM



“ Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the
family of Debra "Debbie" L. Nelson (nee Graden).



August 01, 2024 at 11:03 AM