



Debra Jean Hoksbergen

June 28, 1955 - February 21, 2016

Debra Jean Hoksbergen was born on June 28, 1955. Her life ended on February 21, 2016. While the end of her life was very difficult, she can be honored and remembered in countless joyful ways. Her life was complemented by the gifts God granted to her, and she used those blessings to live life to the fullest. From an early age, she enjoyed the gift of music and spent countless hours playing the piano with a passion that rang to the heavens. Her family and friends were at the core of her life and she enjoyed them all. Deb cared deeply for the people she knew by extending a hand of welcome, evaluating cuts or a possible broken arm, and wrapping arms around you during hard times. She enjoyed her nursing career and provided care over many years in surgery, neonatal, labor and delivery, endoscopy, and birthing classes. Deb's incredible work ethic was evident whether caring for patients or completing any project with which she was involved. She had a deep love for her husband and children, her parents and siblings, and for all people she encountered in life. Many years ago Deb had to endure the loss of three infants. Jason Brandon, Megan Leigh, and Grant, who were born with Potter's Syndrome and died shortly after birth. So the treasure of life took on special meaning when we were blessed with 3 healthy and thriving children. Dear wife of 41 years to Stan. Loving Mom of Ross (Rumy), Alden (Mary) and Mieke (Aaron) Mutschler. Proud Grandma of Ainsley and George Hoksbergen, Lorelei Mutschler and number four, a grandson soon to be born to Ross and Rumy. Deb had a deep desire to meet this little one, but will now get to

witness this from heaven. Beloved daughter of Jim and Sylvia Vermeulen and daughter in law of Shirley Hoksbergen. Cherished sister of Krista (Tim) Schaafsma, Jim (Nancy) Vermeulen, and Ken (Shelly) Vermeulen. She will be fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews and cousins. Deb had a special smile. As her family and friends viewed this smile, they could sense a love that transcends any words. After the diagnosis of ovarian cancer, Deb battled 4 1/2 years in which she had the deepest level of pain but the highest level of perseverance. God takes home a soul, the world loses a friend, the husband loses a love, the children lose a mother and the grandchildren lose a mentor. However, we all gained the gift of a person that was special in so many ways. To celebrate the gift of Deb's life, a service will be held at Beechwood Church, 895 Ottawa Beach Rd. Holland, MI 49424 at 11 AM on Saturday, February 27. Visitation Thursday 6-8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth and Friday from 3-5 PM and 6-9 PM at Beechwood Church in Holland. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Holland, 270 Hoover Blvd., Holland, MI 49423, or Beacon Ministries c/o Beechwood Church, 895 Ottawa Beach Rd., Holland, MI (Deb helped co-found this organization, which provides free baby items to local migrant families). Interment will be in Restlawn Memorial Gardens, Holland, MI. To share a memory please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

Cemetery Details

Restlawn Memorial Gardens

994 Paw Paw Drive
Holland, MI 49423

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 459-2250
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

Visitation

FEB **26**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Beechwood Church
895 Ottawa Beach Road
Holland, MI 49424

Visitation

FEB **26**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

FEB **27**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Holland, MI 49424

Tribute Wall



“ *Debra Jean Hoksbergen*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *I am a Minister of Jehovah's Witnesses my wife and I would like to give you and your family our deepest sympathy for the lost of your loved one. We would like to leave you with these words of encouragement from Gods word the Bible. At Job 14:14 it ask the question, "If a man dies, shall he live again?," The bible makes the promise: Your dead love ones will live...They will rise up. The bible also says, The righteous themselves will possess the earth and they will reside forever upon it. Isaiah 26:19;Psalms 37:29. May you find comfort in these scriptures and in the loving memories of your loved one. If you have any questions or concerns about the lost of your loved one feel free to email us at ctksdk@yahoo.com Sincerely, Carlos & Sandy*

Carlos and Sandy - February 29, 2016 at 10:38 AM

HN

“ On behalf of P.E.O. Chapter AB in Washington state, I send condolences and prayers to Debra and her family. Deb's sister Krista Schaafsma was a member of our chapter in Bellingham for a time and, we recall, brought her sister to visit our chapter. We were so charmed by both sisters! Since Krista moved back East we haven't really been in contact, but several of us have followed Deb's and Stan's blogs the past 4 years and admired Deb and her family for their courage and grace. May God bring all of you comfort and peace. Helen Norman

helen norman - February 27, 2016 at 03:45 PM

AJ

“ My name is Anne Walsh Jones and Debbie and I were high school classmates, not only classmates but also best friends. I remember being her lab partner in biology class and listening to the teacher drone on about some boring subject. We shared a lot of laughs together as well as our deepest teenage secrets. Debbie was a pretty girl with an engaging personality. But as with many things, life got in the way and we lost touch over the years. I wanted to convey my sympathy to the Vermeulen family and let you know that my thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.

Anne Jones - February 26, 2016 at 04:33 PM

CM

“ I worked with Deb for years on the Boven Birth Center at Holland Hospital. I learned so much from her: how to be a good nurse, how to be a great mom, and how to laugh and see the positive things that we are given each and every day, even if it doesn't feel so wonderful. Deb also was a great example of a woman with extreme courage in the face of the many obstacles that she was dealt with during her life. My prayer is that God holds her family in his loving arms and helps each of them during this difficult time.

Claudia Milburn, BSN, RNC-OB

claudia milburn - February 24, 2016 at 08:21 PM

CS

“ Stan, so sorry to hear of your loss. May your memories be comforting to you.

Craig Saylor

Craig Saylor - February 24, 2016 at 05:40 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Debra Jean Hoksbergen.



February 24, 2016 at 05:22 PM

LC

“ *In memory of Deb and the light she was to so many. Continued prayers to family and friends for peace and comfort.*



Laurie Callari - February 23, 2016 at 06:38 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Debra Jean Hoksbergen.*



February 23, 2016 at 02:53 PM

SB

“ *Dear Hoksbergen family,
We were so sad to hear of Deb's passing, but rejoiced at the same time that her pain was gone and she entered into the presence of our dear Lord! She will be dearly missed, her smile and twinkling blue eyes I will remember always. Steve and I are in Arizona right now and will not be home for the visitation or funeral, but know that you are in our thoughts and prayers in the difficult days and months ahead. We love you all!
-Karen and Steve Brookhouse*

Steve Brookhouse - February 23, 2016 at 01:55 PM

BM

“ *Praise The Lord for the beautiful life of Deb. We pray the peace of God be with you Stan and your family. Until we meet at Jesus feet I love you Deb.*

Bruce Miedema - February 23, 2016 at 06:39 AM

VY

“ *Valentin, Antoaneta, Stoyan Yanakievi purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Debra Jean Hoksbergen.*



Valentin, Antoaneta, Stoyan Yanakievi - February 23, 2016 at 02:11 AM

KD

“ *This is beautifully written! !!! Ross, I'm so sorry kiddo. Although I've only met your mom a couple times, I absolutely remember her smile! What a sweet woman; such a blessing to all. How very special that you and she shared the love of music as well. I know that little boy of yours is going to feel as though he'd spent his lifetime knowing your mom, because you will have so many wonderful memories to share with him. You and your family are in my prayers.*
-Kara Duncan

Kara Duncan - February 22, 2016 at 10:22 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Debra Jean Hoksbergen.*



February 22, 2016 at 07:56 PM

Judy
Bishop

“ *Judy Bishop lit a candle in memory of Debra
Jean Hoksbergen*



Judy Bishop - February 22, 2016 at 06:39 PM