



Deborah "Debbie" Jean Dowler

September 13, 1951 - October 21, 2022

Deborah "Debbie" Jean Dowler, 71, of Tallahassee, died unexpectedly on Friday, October 21, 2022. Debbie was born in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania and resided in Tallahassee for over 32 years. She was retired. She had previously worked at the North Florida Fair in Tallahassee as Operations Manager and as Vice President of the Scioto Society, Inc., the producer of the Outdoor Drama "Tecumseh!" in Chillicothe, Ohio.

Debbie is predeceased by her father, Wilbur L. Mundell. She is survived by her husband of 32 years, John Dowler; mother, Elva Jean Mundell; daughter, Elise Ray-Mohallil and her husband, Hamdy; son, Robert Shane Ray and his wife, China; granddaughter, Cielle Ray; brother, Doug Mundell and his wife, Laura; brother, Greg Mundell and his wife Margie; sister, Laura Cutler; five nieces, Jenny, Abby, Wendy, Stephanie, and Erin; five nephews, Christopher, Doug, Henry, Josh, and Cody.

Debbie enjoyed creating beautiful, dichroic glass jewelry, which she gifted to family and friends. She was quite accomplished at drawing Pokémon, thanks to her granddaughter's instruction. She loved nature, and you could often find her meditating in her rocking chair, gazing at the forest in her backyard.

Debbie was an avid golf fan. She and her daughter never missed a Florida State men's basketball game. Her spirit of generosity was extended to all

those she met. She was a strong, ethical force for right, and moved through life with dignity, purpose, and grace.

Debbie knew she wanted to be a mother from an early age, and along with a wife and grandma, these were her most meaningful roles. As her granddaughter said, “the only person I love more than Grandma...is Grandma.”

On Saturday, January 28, 2023, there will be a Gathering of Family and Friends of Debbie Dowler at the Dorothy B. Oven Main House located at Dorothy B. Oven Park, 3205 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee, FL. We will gather at 1 pm. Please bring any personal remembrances of Debbie to share with those in attendance.

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The family is being assisted by James Sircy and Jackie Fulford of Young Fulford Funeral Home and Crematory, Tallahassee, Florida.
(850.610.4444/YoungFulford.com)

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

JAN 28. 1:00 PM (ET)

Dorothy B. Oven Park
3205 Thomasville Road
Main House
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Tribute Wall



“ Deborah "Debbie" Jean Dowler

October 22, 2023 at 10:27 PM



“ Deborah "Debbie" Jean Dowler

October 09, 2023 at 11:25 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Deborah "Debbie" Jean Dowler.



January 27, 2023 at 10:49 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Deborah "Debbie" Jean Dowler.



January 24, 2023 at 07:34 PM

JK

“ Jim and Dianne Krueger purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Deborah "Debbie" Jean Dowler.



Jim and Dianne Krueger - January 21, 2023 at 07:58 AM

JE

“ Debbie was my beloved friend of 50 years, my maid of honor, and I cannot imagine my life without her. When I told Debbie this a year ago, she was rather surprised and humbled by it, but that was Debbie. She had, perhaps, the most genuine smile of anyone, smiling even with her eyes. She was generous in giving of herself, always there for you when you needed anything. I'm especially grateful for the bonus 18 months we had since April 2021. Our "I love you's" were more emphatic and special than ever. Debbie was, perhaps, the finest example of humanity and anyone lucky enough to have their life graced by her presence felt this. Though I share your grief, John and Elise, I cannot imagine the depth of your loss. One more time, Debbie, I love you.

Jennifer - November 26, 2022 at 02:22 PM

BH

“ Debbie was a sweet kind soul. I cherish the years I got to work with her at the North Florida Fair. I relish the many great conversations we had. They are some of the happiest memories of my life. My heart goes out to John and her daughter. May you find peace in your time of grief knowing what a beautiful woman she was and the many lives she touched.

bill henderson - November 25, 2022 at 02:31 AM

SC

“ It’s difficult to put words to my Aunt Debbie’s presence and the influence and effect she had on those around her. Her smile lit up her whole face. Whether she was laughing or spontaneously singing a song, she instilled her space with joy and love. She was generous with her love, always openly expressing her care for others. She and John performed my wedding ceremony, and I will never be able to fully express my gratitude for that. She didn’t falter until the last moment - when she pronounced us husband and wife - and in that moment, it was joyous tears that caused her voice to shake. It was a beautiful moment because her reaction expressed all the love and hope she had in her heart for me. I couldn’t imagine asking anyone else to perform the ceremony, and they both did it so beautifully. Debbie was a kind, loving, passionate, and irreplaceable angel on earth, and she meant the world to all of us. I love you always, Aunt Debbie.

Stephanie Cutler - November 02, 2022 at 06:42 PM

DK

“ I met Debbie over 20 years ago and she has been the same sweetheart since that day. It was a blessing to know and love such a beautiful person i thank God he allowed our paths to cross. There isn’t a lot of love in the world anymore so to find someone who is so loving was a blessing. Rest In Peace sweetheart we will miss you.

Daisy King - November 02, 2022 at 05:09 PM

JO

“ 3 files added to the album family



John - November 01, 2022 at 12:02 PM

DR

“ I had a few memories of Debbie she trusted me to watch her kids several times I still remember the times when Jeff was babysitting sometimes he would let me come with him I always look forward she would ask do you want to go to see Tecumseh before I take you both home but the one most memorable which I have thought about so many times when Eminem passed away we were all at our house we were sitting on the porch a few of us and Debbie came and drove right up in the driveway got out and went straight to boo boo and she was crying boo boo was crying it just seemed like she held Boo Boo for such a long time and that will always be a good memory to me she was just that caring I wish I had more chances to see Debbie but when I did see her she grabbed on to me and hugged me for such a long time I remember her being a great person she will be missed

David rittinger - October 29, 2022 at 06:24 PM

JD

“ 1 file added to the album family



John Dowler - October 29, 2022 at 02:21 AM



Love those smiles.

Cherie Davis - October 30, 2022 at 09:37 PM



hugs

Cherie Davis - October 30, 2022 at 09:37 PM

CA

Thoughts and prayers for John and family. I was shocked and sad to learn of her untimely passing. A very caring and sweet lady. I knew Debbie for many years. She will be missed.

Carole Abbott - October 31, 2022 at 08:47 AM

SB

“ *To Jean, John, Elise, Shane, Doug, Greg, Laura and your Families, I am so very sorry for your loss. Debbie was co-worker, friend and Mountain Family. The Legacy of Love that She left behind on Sugarloaf, will be Forever cherished. God's Blessings to All of you. with love, Stephanie*

Stephanie Burdett Boehle - October 27, 2022 at 09:57 PM

CD

“ *Oh, Debbie. I cannot image this world without you in it. There was so much to you. Fun, seriousness and lots of love. We would have very serious conversations and some really crazy conversations. You enjoyed each day that was given to you. You introduced me to New York, to New Orleans, to cabins in the woods, and to camping at music festivals. I have so many memories. I am so glad you were in my life. To Shane and Elise, keep Debbie's memory alive. She adored you both. And Cielle was the twinkle in her eye. To John, no words can help you at this time. Just know you have many friends and family who love you. As Debbie would say "Hugs" to all of you.*

Friend Always, Cherie French Davis

Cherie French Davis - October 27, 2022 at 05:02 PM

CD

And I forgot to mention, we learned to make dichroic glass jewelry together. Debbie's jewelry was always much prettier than mine. So many wonderful memories.

Cherie French Davis - October 27, 2022 at 05:07 PM

JO

“ *The photograph of Debbie is just perfect. The one thing I remember mostly about Debbie is her open smile. Whenever Debbie and John would welcome us in their home Debbie was there to greet us with that same warm smile. Whenever I picture Debbie in my mind I always see her with that same smile. So that is my most vivid memory of Debbie and the one that will stay with me forever.*

john - October 27, 2022 at 03:52 PM

DR

“ *Big Debbie,
I have always known her to be a great woman who was compassionate about things that mattered most: family, friends, truthfulness, the environment, honesty, kindness and more. Her sense of humor and personality was so wonderful that even years apart, she could make someone feel as though it was just yesterday. I am honored to be part of her family and to have known her. You leave behind a beautiful family who will miss you dearly. God will bring us all together one day. Love you, Little Debbie.*



Debbie Rittinger - October 27, 2022 at 02:47 PM

NH

“ *Dear John & family, Debbie will be missed by so many of us. No matter how long one knew Debbie she made you feel that comfortable sense of friendship. I will miss our times together - great conversations, no subject was off limits, wonderful laughs and times just spent in quiet contemplation -- I always looked forward to seeing her and still can't believe she is no longer physically here. She loved you all deeply and spoke often of her love for each of you. Love, Nancy*

Nancy Hough - October 27, 2022 at 12:54 PM

LC

“ *The love of a sister - when you know she has your back no matter what you’ve gotten yourself into. When you know that if something bad has happened she’ll travel any distance to be with you, and she knows you will do the same. When you’re feeling sad or upset or just having a bad day and suddenly she “happens” to call you. When you laugh so hard your sides ache over something only the two of you think is funny. Debbie’s emotions ran deep, especially her love. She wrapped it around me like a warm blanket so I would never feel cold or afraid. She was a constant, steady presence, so certain that I never had to give it a second thought. I told her once that I didn’t know how I could be in this world if she wasn’t here. Now I face the biggest challenge of my life - to go on, and to find her - in my dreams, in the wind chimes that sing to me from the porch, in a butterfly that comes to rest beside me, in the blankets that wrap around me at night like she did. I know I need look no farther than my heart to find her. But it’s hard, Debbie, because we loved you so much.*

Laura Cutler - October 27, 2022 at 11:44 AM

SU

“ *Deb loved. Through long-lasting enveloping hugs. Through sharing buttery chocolate-chip cookies. She loved by offering to be the one you could call at 4 a.m., by welcoming friends and family into her home and heart. Deb loved by taking care of her children and husband, by reveling in the flit of butterflies and the magic of Cielle. She loved by meditating to heal the whole planet. Deb loved.*

Susan - October 26, 2022 at 08:09 AM

KW

“ *Debbie was that sweet cousin that I looked up to as a little girl. She was a few years older and always treated me with such kindness and love. I will miss her* ❤️

Kathleen J Weaver - October 26, 2022 at 06:49 AM