



## Deborah S. Willson

November 1, 1954 - January 29, 2026

Deborah "Deb" Willson, 71, passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 29, 2026, at her home. Born in Hillsboro, Iowa, on November 1, 1954, daughter of Francis W. Willson and Wahneta (Reipe) Goble.

Deb touched the lives of all who knew her with her warmth, humor, and unwavering devotion to her family and friends.

A dedicated employee, Deb worked as a general laborer for Rockwell/Cambridge for 26 years and also contributed her talents to the IGA in Centralia for 12 years.

Deb's life was rich with passions that brought her immense joy. She cherished cooking, gardening, and crafting, and delighted in shopping trips with her daughter. A lover of Christmas, her decorations were legendary among family and friends. Her love for music, particularly that of Elvis Presley and Bob Seger, provided the soundtrack to her life. A fan of Westerns and an avid wildlife observer, Deb treasured drives to spot deer and collected charming Highland Cow and sunflower items. Her two cherished four-legged companions, Tank and Loki, affectionately known as Pork Chop, were also close to her heart.

Deb's heart was as large as her love for those around her, and she will be dearly missed by her daughter, Chrystyl Willson and Joe of Farina, and her

son, Shane Willson and wife Barb of Biloxi, Mississippi. She is survived by her stepdaughter, Carol Alli of Centralia; stepson, Bob Alli and wife Julie of Centralia; and her cherished grandchildren, Caleb, Eddie, David, and Courtney. Her three brothers, Tom Willson of San Antonio, Texas, Alan Willson of Seattle, Washington, and Rick Willson of Iowa, as well as several nieces and nephews, mourn her passing.

Deb was preceded in death by her parents, her stepdad George Goble, her grandfather Silas Reipe, and her lifelong partner, Bob Alli, Sr.

In accordance with Deb's wishes, cremation rites will be accorded. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home located at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523 is honored to care for Deb and her family during this difficult time. Online condolences can be shared with the family via their website at [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) and their Facebook page.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Crystal I'm so sorry for ur loss I hadn't heard about her passing Tammy just let me know. She was always the dessert person for our cookouts I sure miss those days the group we had sure did know how to eat every weekend the grill was going at someone's house I asked God to watch over your family*



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**Becky Smith** - February 05 at 09:43 PM

MC

“ *Mindy (Riepe) Cumpton lit a candle in memory of Deborah S. Willson*



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**Mindy (Riepe) Cumpton** - February 05 at 06:01 PM

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“ *Debbie, classmate and friend. She never let her handicap hinder her in anyway. She never complained or showed she was not able to do something. She always had a smile on her face and showed kindness to all. She was lucky to live across from Cartwright Park. Had her own playground in her backyard. Her and I and two others, had a extraordinary phenomenon happen when we was 12, but all of us never talked about it. Until a few years ago to ask her if she seen what I seen. It all match what I seen. My deep condolences to Debs Family.*



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**Terry Egan** - February 02 at 11:45 PM

TW

*I would love to know what that phenomenon was. Debbie always commented about keeping in touch with you.*

**TOM WILLSON** - February 03 at 01:29 PM

BH

“ *Bill Hutchcroft lit a candle in memory of Deborah S. Willson*



**Bill Hutchcroft** - February 02 at 09:05 PM

LG

“ *Lora Grose lit a candle in memory of Deborah S. Willson*



**Lora Grose** - January 31 at 04:29 PM

RS

“ *Sending my condolences to Debbie's family and friends* 💔



**Robin Sermons** - January 31 at 12:20 AM