



Debra A. Benjamin

September 28, 1955 - June 1, 2022

Debra Benjamin, 66, of Centralia, passed away Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital in Centralia.

She was born September 28, 1955 in Centralia, the daughter of Andrew "Buddy" Foutch and Shirley (Walton) Foutch. She married Franklin "Tony" Flanagan in 1973 and they later divorced. He continued to be Debra's close friend and her caregiver prior to her passing. Debra married Gary Benjamin in 2006, they later divorced and he preceded her in death in April of 2021.

Debra is survived by her daughter: Makyla "Kyla" Hargrave and partner Jordan Burkett of Salem; granddaughter: Kaydence Hargrave of Terre Haute, Indiana; a brother: Steve Foutch and wife Chele of Centralia; two nephews: Stevie Foutch and wife Kathleen of Richview and Dustin Foutch and wife April of Aviston; an uncle: David Foutch and wife DeeAnn of Centralia; and several cousins and great nieces and nephews.

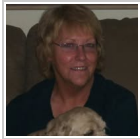
Debra was preceded in death by her parents: Buddy and Shirley Foutch, daughter: Lisa Flanagan, and son: JR Flanagan.

Debra worked at Warren G. Murray Center for 35 years and retired in 2015. She enjoyed making diamond jewel paintings and collecting crystals. Debra was an avid reader and loved sitting out at the point to read for hours. She cherished the time she spent with her daughter and celebrating her accomplishments. She was loved by many family members and friends.

Per Debra's wishes, cremation rites will be accorded and no public services will be held. The family intends to celebrate Debra's life privately and details

will be released at a later date. Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home and Cremation Services at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, are honored to be of service to Debra's family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Sutherland-Garnier Facebook Page

Tribute Wall



“ *Jan Edgar- Poehler lit a candle in memory of Debra A. Benjamin*



Jan Edgar- Poehler - June 09, 2022 at 04:28 PM

DO

“ *Deb and I went to High School together. We worked at Murray Center together. She was a very caring lady and listened if you wanted to talk. She will be missed terrible. Prayers for Kayla and the family.*



Debbie Opolony - June 07, 2022 at 09:19 AM



“ *Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Debra A. Benjamin.*



June 06, 2022 at 06:21 PM

JB

“ *She was such a sweet caring lady. She and I worked part time, together at Farm Fresh for a couple years. She always made ya laugh, and cared for everyone she spoke with.*

Jeremy Bryant - June 06, 2022 at 06:16 PM

RR

“ This wonderful lady use to make my days arguing with her at work ,
I miss her and the rest of my friends at Murray.

Robby Robertson - June 06, 2022 at 01:38 PM

LH

“ Louise Hamburg lit a candle in memory of
Debra A. Benjamin



Louise Hamburg - June 06, 2022 at 12:12 PM

VS

“ Thelma and Louise forever my dear friend! I
think of you everyday and I will never forget
you.



Vicki Spears - June 06, 2022 at 08:29 AM

RR

We had such good times at Murray back in the day. I still think about all
of y'all and miss you. God Speed Debbie. XO- Robby R

Robby Robertson - June 06, 2022 at 01:34 PM

VC

“ Vicki Cummins lit a candle in memory of
Debra A. Benjamin



vicki Cummins - June 04, 2022 at 02:25 PM

MS

“ *Debbie had a heart of Gold. She will be missed by so many . Love and prayers for her family.* ”

Mary Ann Smith - June 04, 2022 at 08:44 AM

JH

“ *I worked with Deb for several years. She was always friendly with everyone and was always laughing happy and enjoying life. She will be remembered and missed by many. Prayers for her family for peace and comfort.* ”



Jeannie Hames - June 03, 2022 at 08:23 PM

GL

“ *Georgia Lambert lit a candle in memory of Debra A. Benjamin* ”



Georgia Lambert - June 03, 2022 at 07:25 PM