



Deborah C. Grubbs

November 4, 1949 - March 29, 2024

Deborah Conway Grubbs, age 75, passed away on March 29, 2024 after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Born on November 4 1949, She brought immense joy to those around her.

Debbie's journey touched the lives of many, leaving behind cherished memories and a legacy of strength and resilience. Her unwavering spirit in the face of adversity was an inspiration (but not a surprise) to all who knew her. Deborah is survived by her loving family and friends, who will forever hold dear her memory. Debbie will be remembered for her kindness, compassion, and the positive impact she had on everyone fortunate enough to have known her. She was preceded in death by her mother Marion Thomas, siblings David Thomas, Sharon Thomas, Terry Thomas, Russell Thomas, Kyle Thomas and Audrey Moline as well as her first grandson Pierce Smith.

She leaves behind her devoted husband Steven Grubbs, her biological son Michael Smith, additional son Robert Jake Haley and step-children Michael Grubbs, Katie Wilson, Sean Grubbs, Patrick Grubbs and Kelly Grubbs.

Her grandchildren Amanda Robinson, Jeremy Hargwood, Maxwell Smith and Sydney Smith DeBerardis, Kordell Grubbs, Kayden Grubbs, Paige Grubbs, Shane Grubbs, Chase Grubbs, Vanessa Grubbs, Evan Grubbs, Alex Haley, Sophia Haley, Sarah Stevens, Christian Stevens.

Her great grandsons Cameron Greenwood, Miles Smith, Pierce Smith Jr., Adrian Robinson and Jaiden Robinson and Achariya Svay.

Her siblings Sheila Thomas, Jacqueline Thomas, Clarence Thomas, Mark

Thomas, Bryan Thomas and sister-in-law Nancy Smith as well as a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Debbie grew up as the oldest of 12. She loved school and had an insatiable thirst for knowledge. After graduating from Arts High School in Newark, NJ she was accepted into Montclair State College. She graduated with a bachelor degree in education and went on to become a speech therapist. She began her teaching career in Franklin Township and later taught in Metuchen. She ultimately left teaching to take a communications position at NJEA. It didn't take her long to become the director of communications at NJEA and along the way, she headed up several committees within the organization. In speaking of organizations, Debbie was a member and chairperson or board member for several including the Jaycees and Jayceettes, Women in Communications, Cornwall Manor Society, was chairperson and/or member of several Resident Association Committees the P.E.O.

The memorial services to honor and celebrate Deborah's life will be held at 3:00PM on April 13, 2024, at the Zerr chapel at Cornwall Manor.

The link to the Livestream can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIVX1EtaU36ygdUiKPgPAAw>

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to a pancreatic cancer research foundation in Debbie's memory as well as the P.E.O.

Sisterhood - P.E.O. is a philanthropic organization where women celebrate the advancement of women; educate women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans, and stewardship of Cottey College and motivate women to achieve their highest aspirations. The project she lead for nearly 10 years is called the STAR Scholarship. We hope to get enough to create a Named Scholarship in her name. "She worked so hard and improved our success rate for Star Scholars from about 30% to over 70% due to her guidance. Debbie was a Rockstar!" - Pat Kelley, President, State P.E.O.

Please make checks payable to P.E.O. Chapter BM and mail to: P.E.O.

Chapter BM c/o Jody Hess, Treasurer, 15 Marie Drive Lititz, PA 17543

May Deborah rest in eternal peace, free from pain, and may her memory

continue to bring comfort to those who mourn her passing. Please join us in remembering and celebrating Debbie's life. With heartfelt condolences, The Grubbs/Smith Family

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 13 (ET)

Zerr Chapel at Cornwall Manor
1 Boyd Street
Cornwall, PA 17016

Livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIVX1EtaU36ygdUiKPgPAAw>

Tribute Wall

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“ So many words describe Mrs G. However, the main one I keep coming back to, is - LOVE .SHE LOVED LIFE, SHE LOVED HER FURBABIES, SHE LOVED SHARING INSPIRATIONAL WORDS OF UPLIFTMENT AND HOPE, SHE LOVED GOD, VOLUNTEERING, GUIDING AND TEACHING PEOPLE. MOST OF ALL-SHE LOVED HER FAMILY. With such a deep Love, that it's a certainty ,she will continue to guide and do her best to comfort each of them as they heal from her temporary physical absence in their lives. Remember, Debbie is only a thought away xx Speaking as one of the many people who were both privileged to come to know her in any sense of the word, and humbled by her inner and outer joy which permeated every cell in her being-traits which carried her through the many trials during her life - WE LOVE YOU DEBBIE I LOVE YOU Until I see you again holding Romeo and surrounded by all your Loved ones who passed before you and now celebrate your return Home- I need only close my eyes to remember and feel those wonderful MRS GRUBBS HUGS XXX Steve & Deb Evans



Debbie - April 12, 2024 at 08:31 PM

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“ Love Mark, Nancy & Tamara planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deborah C. Grubbs.

Love Mark, Nancy & Tamara - April 12, 2024 at 03:04 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah C. Grubbs.



April 12, 2024 at 03:04 PM



“ Anita Hutton Summey and Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Deborah C. Grubbs.



Anita Hutton Summey and Family - April 12, 2024 at 12:30 PM



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Anita Hutton Summey and Family - April 12, 2024 at 12:30 PM



“ 💜 sorry for your loss. Nana is 4ever in our hearts

Lizzy pellichero - April 12, 2024 at 01:39 AM



“ The China White Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deborah C. Grubbs.

The China White Family - April 07, 2024 at 11:38 PM

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“ *The China White Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Deborah C. Grubbs.*



The China White Family - April 07, 2024 at 11:38 PM

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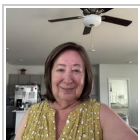
“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Debbie's passing. We met in Cabo and I really wanted to meet again for another fun time on vacation. We had such a great time. A wonderful person. I'm thankful I had a chance to meet her.*

Patty Nyquist - April 07, 2024 at 07:01 PM

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“ *I am so very sorry for the loss of Ms. Debbie. She was a wonderful woman. We had so many nice conversations about all our kids over the years. Everyone was a part of her extended family. She always strove to bring you up. You wouldn't think she had a care in the world. Rest in Peace Debbie see you on the other side.*

Christine Zimmermann - April 07, 2024 at 01:06 PM



“ *sorry for the family loss. we were a family at arts high. great memories of special kids and again sorry to hear this today. memories will endure*

Judith Fellows - April 07, 2024 at 11:31 AM

MA

“ *Debbie was an absolute joy! Such a neat neat lady!! She would stop in to visit me at the hair salon for a chat & bring the pups with for snackies.*

My heart aches for all she has touched just by being her ! To Steve & family many prayers for strength sent with love & hugs . I'm grateful for the short time I got to know her 🙏❤️

Marina - April 07, 2024 at 10:40 AM

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“ *Steve and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Anita (PG Class)*

Anita Haulman - April 04, 2024 at 09:02 AM